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HOW "RED" UPRISING WAS QUELLED.

LOYAL LABOURERS FORM A NEW "WHITE ARMY."

VERY HEAVY FIGHTING.

After three days of burning, murdering, and looting, the "Reds" in Canton were defeated and dispersed by the Fukwan troops yesterday afternoon, after a severe struggle which resulted in considerable casualties on both sides.

Saikwan, where most of the rich Canton residents live, and the Bund, on which are most of the prominent stores, cinema houses, restaurants, public organisations, and dealers in foreign goods, have been captured by the Fukwan. This news was received in Hongkong last night.

Other suburbs of the city were also taken back by the troops of military leaders, and the "Red" organisations have been broken up.

ONLY FEW "REDS" GET AWAY ALIVE.

The general counter-attack to drive out the "Reds" was made at the four sectors of the City while the most prominent part was played by the Fukwan under Li Fuk-lum. The first party of last named soldiers landed at the West Bund, Canton, yesterday morning, in the vicinity of the Hongkong Company's Wharf. Simultaneously, another detachment of Fukwan, also from Honam, got ashore at the 4th wharf, while the 44th regiment of the Saikwan Army rushed back to the northern part of the city. In the northern suburb of the city, in the vicinity of the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy, the troops under General Mok Hang and Hsieh Yo also engaged in fighting the "Reds". The "Reds", who were outnumbered, were at a loss to deal with fighting in so many directions, and shortly after mid-day practically the whole of Canton was back in the hands of the military commanders. The Canton Navy helped the counter-attackers.

Loyal Labourers.

It is stated that the majority of labour in Canton were really anti-"Red", and that these men, numbering many thousands, were still loyal to the "Leftist" Government. Shortly after the coup was effected on Sunday, most of the "moderate" labourers made good their escape, leaving Canton for Honam. Three of the labour Unions known for their moderate views were the Canton Mechanics General Association, Kwangtung General Labourers' Guild and the Revolutionary Labourers' Federation, and a Canton report says that "shortly after insurrection, hundreds of members of these three Unions went so far as to support the Government by enlisting as soldiers to help in capturing Canton. Some of them were among the men who landed at the West Bund and Wongsha yesterday morning.

A "White Army."

On Monday morning the workers of the Canton Water Supply and Electricity Service struck work and left for Honam, this being designed to hinder the progress and administration of the "Reds" then governing. These labourers, when they landed at Honam, requested General Li Fuk-lum, the Governor of Honam, to let them organise a force of one thousand men to fight the "Reds". This demand was complied with and bombs and firearms were supplied to them within a few hours. A "White Army" was formed. During the general counter-attack yesterday, this army also played its part.

The Fighting.

The counter-attackers had to undergo considerable risk and great hardship as large corps of "Reds" had taken their position with machine guns on the bund Po, Ho-kau Po, Po-war Street, Tan Tung Street, Yeung Hong and many other districts.

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SHIP ATTACKED.

NORWEGIAN BOAT FIRED AT.

CANTON RIVER INCIDENT.

Another steamer using the Canton river has had to run the gauntlet of heavy rifle fire, the latest outrage, similar in many respects to that carried out against the s.s. Waishing last week, occurring yesterday in the reaches just below Whampoa, when the s.s. Gran, a small steamer flying the Norwegian flag, was attacked by armed men in junks.

Whether piracy was intended or whether it was merely a case of malicious shooting at a foreign steamer cannot be stated, but the steamer was negotiating the Second Bar when a number of junks put out from shore and a fusillade was opened on the decks of the steamer. The master put his engines all out and soon out-distanced the attackers, but fire was kept up until the Gran was out of sight.

No-One Hurt.

The superstructure was hit by bullets in many places but fortunately no-one was injured.

The s.s. Gran, a Norwegian steamer, the Hongkong agents being the Yamashita Yusen Kaisha, was on her way to Canton at the time of the outrage. She is a steamer of 1,982 tons gross and 1,182 tons net.

A report of the incident has been made to the local agents by the captain of another steamer, the Kromviken, which on the way down met the Gran a short time after the shooting.

Further Details.

From Captain K. T. Karlson, of the Gran, the Kromviken received the report that at the Second Bar the Gran was surrounded by a fleet of about thirty lighters, packed with men of the coolie class. They may have been troops or bandits. At any rate, they opened fire from small arms on the Gran without any warning, the ship being struck in many places. Fortunately no casualties occurred amongst the crew. By going at full speed ahead, the Gran eluded the junks, and continued on her way to Whampoa. The Captain of the Gran attributed the shooting to some trouble between these junks and one or two of the regular passenger boats plying between Hongkong and Canton.

The latest reports are that the Gran is at Whampoa, discharging a part of her coal cargo, according to schedule, and will proceed in due course to Canton to unload the remainder of the cargo at Canton. She is expected to return to Hongkong on the 18th.

The master of the Charles Hardouin reports that coming down the river yesterday, a number of shots struck the vessel. These were fired by opposing troops on either bank of the river and were not directed at the ship. There were no casualties.

CHEMICAL RIVALRY.

BRITISH AND GERMAN INTERESTS DISAGREE.

London, Dec. 13.

The Evening Standard states that negotiations for the formation of a European chemical cartel have broken down.

It is understood that the German Dye Trust demanded the leadership of the cartel while the Imperial chemical industries struck out the terms of absolute equality. Negotiations with other foreign countries were also dropped.

It appears that the German group, which is as supreme in dyestuffs as the British are in heavy alkalis and heavy chemicals generally, had threatened to cut the prices in all dyestuff markets and to swamp British production in order to force an agreement, but the British replied that they were able to cut prices of artificial fertilisers in the world markets to approximately \$1 a ton below the German price without losing money.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE SETTLEMENT.

WORK DURING 1926.

London, Dec. 13.

It was stated in Parliament to-day that during the year 1926 the total number of persons assisted to emigrate under the Empire Settlement Act was 65,530. The total expenditure involved was £1,048,000.—*British Wireless.*

FOOLISH LABOUR AGITATION.

INEFFECTIVE EFFORTS IN HONGKONG.

PAMPHLETS IN TRAMS.

Connected no doubt with the Communist coup in Canton, there have during the past two days been a number of ineffective attempts made by irresponsible agitators to stir up labour trouble in Hongkong. However, the authorities have been on the alert and have had no difficulty in countering these activities.

Seditious pamphlets have been distributed in the Colony, and last night a number of these were discovered in the Hongkong Tramway Company's cars. They were of the usual type, urging the tramwaymen to come out on strike. Some of them bore red daggers, and there were the customary threats of violence. The loyalty of the tramway workers was never in question, however, and they declared that they would

OUT GOES THE SOVIET!

Consulates in China to be Closed.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

General Chiang Kai-shek, interviewed by foreign pressmen this evening, stated that the Kuomintang Conference on December 10th instructed Mr. Wu Chao-chu, the Nanking Foreign Minister, and General Pei Chung-hsi, the Shanghai Defence Commissioner, "to take the necessary steps to close the Soviet Consulates in the Nationalist Territory in China."

These instructions had hitherto been kept most secret, pending execution, but the Communist outbreak in Canton necessitated the Nanking Government announcing their attitude towards the Soviet.

General Chiang said that the Soviet Consul General, M. Kovlovsky, had not been informed at present of the pending closure.—*Reuter.*

take no notice of the absurd propaganda.

With a view to the possible apprehension of the authors of distributors of these pamphlets, a number of Indian and Chinese police have to-day been assigned to duty on the trams, and the services have been maintained as usual.

The police have been especially active in keeping a sharp lookout for agitators, whilst this morning the Flying Squad attached to the Police Reserve were out on patrol duty.

Several Arrests.

Overnight, posters appeared on walls or were dropped from high buildings, but owing to special police measures in which the Departments of Labour and the Maintenance of Law and the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs co-ordinated, most of these were discovered almost immediately after they were broadcast, and several arrests were made. It is learned that the Police Department made ten arrests, the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs five and the detectives of the Labour Maintenance Bureau two.

Supplementing this list of arrests, is another police statement that two more arrests were made of Chinese who were in possession of seditious literature, and that they will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

A series of raids was carried out in the Yum-mat-Mongkok-Shamshui district during the night and was productive of the number of arrests mentioned by the Director of Criminal Intelligence. On this side of the harbour, a notable case

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CROWN LEASES.

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

TRANSFER TO LESSEES.

London, Dec. 13.

A Treasury Minute, dated December 7th, has been issued as a White Paper, relating to Crown Leases in British Concessions in China, particularly at Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy and Canton.

The Minute states that the Government's occupation of the position of a ground landlord in important town areas in a foreign country has long been recognised as an anomaly, and such a position is now clearly incompatible with the declared policy of the British Government in China. Accordingly, the Government, on December 18th, last year, announced its purpose, in negotiation with the Chinese authorities, to modify the constitution of the Municipal Administrations, involving the Government's abandonment of the position of a ground landlord, and the Government considered whether that purpose could be effected by the outright sale of held leases to the present leaseholders, which would have yielded £400,000.

Surrender of Leases.

But the present position in China prevents proceeding with the scheme to sell the Government's reversionary interests without a guarantee of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the Government's policy. Consequently, it is the Government's duty to provide as far as possible for the continuance of the position contemplated by the original arrangement, the sole object of which was the convenience of British traders and residents in China. The only method whereby this can be done, consistently with the termination of the position of the Government as the ground landlord, is to surrender the remainder of the leases held by the Government to the existing leaseholders.

Scheme Approved.

The Minute concludes that Sir Austen Chamberlain has informed the Lords of the Treasury that as a condition for the satisfactory arrangement of each case with the Chinese authorities for reconstruction in the above-mentioned Concessions, it is essential to terminate the Government's ground landlordship there, and in view of the impracticability of selling the reversionary interests, their Lordships approve of the Secretary of State's proposal that the interests mentioned should be assigned to the existing leasees without payment, but subject to a condition that the leasees bear the expenses arising from the assignments.—*Reuter.*

GAS IN WARFARE.

WHY CONVENTION IS NOT RATIFIED.

London, Dec. 13.

In the House of Commons to-day, a question was asked why the Government had not ratified the convention against gas and bacteriological warfare agreed upon at Geneva.

Mr. Locker-Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government had decided to withhold ratification until all other important Powers had ratified or had signified their intention of doing so.—*British Wireless.*

BULGARIAN FINANCES.

ANGLO-AMERICAN BANKING HELP.

Sofia, Dec. 13.

A banking agreement has been concluded between the Blair Company, of New York, and Messrs. Lazard Brothers, of London, for the formation of a Mortgage Bank in Bulgaria, with a capital of 10,000,000 Swiss francs. The Bulgarian Government and some Bulgarian Banks will participate in the scheme.—*Reuter.*

LIVERPOOL IN GRAVE DANGER.

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF PETROL ESCAPE.

FEARS OF HOLOCAUST.

London, Dec. 13.

Liverpool is in grave danger of a great fire. An oil tanker broke her back in the Mersey a mile from the landing stage at Liverpool and 8,000 tons of petrol have been released. Late to-night the spirit was floating towards Liverpool and the police were mobilised to patrol the banks of the river to prevent people from throwing lights into the water.

The Police have been rushed to the landing stage at the pierhead of prevent people from smoking, and the fire brigade has laid out thousands of yards of fire hose at the landing stage in case of emergency. Extinguishers are also in readiness along the whole seven miles of Docks.

The troopship "California," with 1,200 troops on board, is being towed from the landing stage out of danger into the river.—*Reuter.*

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

FROM ABYSSINIA TO SWITZERLAND.

London, Dec. 13.

H. M. the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Claud Russell, lately Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Addis Ababa, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Bern.—*British Wireless.*

The new British Minister to Switzerland has had a distinguished career since he joined the Diplomatic Service in 1897. He has served in H. M. Embassies or Legations in Turkey, Egypt, China, France, Russia, Morocco, Argentina, Republic, Paraguay, Spain, Greece and in the Foreign Office. He was British Delegate and President of the International Financial Commission in Athens, and Treasury Representative at the Inter-Allied Financial Commission, 1919-20; he served throughout the European War. From 1920 till 1925, he was Minister to Abyssinia.

STRENGTH OF U. S. NAVY.

HOUSE IN "AMBITIOUS MOOD."

Washington, Dec. 13.

Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, the Secretary of the Navy, has submitted to the Budget Bureau a five-year naval building programme, providing for additional cruisers, submarines and destroyers.

The report that President Coolidge has approved of the programme is denied, but Mr. Longworth, the speaker of the House of Representatives, has disclosed that he has conferred with the President regarding the advisability of materially strengthening the Navy. He told President Coolidge that the House was in an "ambitious mood" and would support "an adequate programme of naval expansion."—*Reuter's American Service.*

A GOVERNOR IMPEACHED.

DISCUSSION IN OKLAHOMA.

New York, Dec. 13.

A message from Oklahoma City says that Bills of Impeachment, naming the Governor and two other State officials, were voted at a self-convened session in a local hotel. Many members were summoned from their beds and appeared in pyjamas.

The charges against the Governor (Mr. M. E. Trapp) include his replacing the civil authority by the military, that he is incompetent and that he awarded a police commission to an alleged bandit.—*Reuter's American Service.*

KONGMOON ECHO.

REACTION TO CANTON COMMUNISM.

CREWS OF RIVER STEAMERS COME OUT.

ALL SAILINGS CEASE.

Kongmoon, Dec. 13.

The Communist coup at Canton is reflected in a revival of labour agitation at Kongmoon. A seamen's strike has been called and the authorities have advised steamers due to sail for Kongmoon to delay departure until the situation is easier.

At the moment, trouble of a different nature is not feared.—*Naval Wireless.*

The situation is more or less normal, and appears likely to remain so.—*Naval Wireless.*

The sailings of all vessels for Kongmoon were suspended last night owing to the information promulgated by the Naval Authorities. The On Lee from that port had not arrived at noon to-day, while the San Nam Hoi arrived at 4 a.m. this morning navigated by officers and a scratch crew.

The vessels affected were the Tai Lee, Wing On and Anjou, the Anjou sailed, but was put back from a point outside the harbour limits. Neither the Tai Lee nor the Wing On left, they receiving information of the existing conditions from the authorities.

Crew Walks Out.

It is learned from the San Nam Hoi that a notice was received from the Kongmoon Seamen's Union on Saturday, demanding an increase of pay and giving two days' notice for compliance. The owners took no notice of the demand and in consequence at 4 p.m. yesterday, Union officials called upon the crew to walk out.

The call was generally responded to, there remaining on board only a second cook, one fireman and the Captain's boy. Under the circumstances, Captain Sparkes decided that it was best to clear the port with all haste and 10 minutes later, a scratch crew was made up from members of the comprador's staff and harbour coolies.

The journey down was an arduous one, with Captain Sparkes and Chief Officer Stone-ward relieving each other at the wheel and Chief Engineer Horton supervising in the engine room, aided by his inexperienced stokers. It was all of 12 hours before the San Nam Hoi berthed at 4 o'clock this morning, bringing down a fair cargo, many Chinese third-class passengers and two Japanese in the saloon.

The San Nam Hoi states that the vessel left under the belief that the On Lee was following, without a crew, being brought down by her officers alone. This was confirmed in an interview with the owners this morning, but the ship has not yet put in an appearance.

Captain Spink, of the Tai Ming, states that the conditions at Kongmoon are serious. It was reported to him at Dosing that, in addition to the seizure of Canton by the Reds, Wuchow and Dosing were to be seized, the "Ironside" troops having been despatched to Honam. The recapture of Canton, of course, alters this aspect. The same shipmaster reports the receipt of letters from Union headquarters, demanding the payment of \$1,000 per trip as tribute to the officials in power. The information has been handed on to the Consular Officials and no further trouble is expected in this quarter.

Sailings for Kongmoon are now definitely suspended.

DUCHESS OF YORK AS COLONEL.

TO CARRY OUT INSPECTION.

London, Dec. 13.

H.R.H. the Duchess of York, who was gazetted Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry last August, will pay her first official visit to the regiment on Thursday, when she will carry out an inspection of the 1st Battalion at Blackdown, Hampshire.—*British Wireless.*

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SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS ON WATER RESTRICTIONS.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held at the Post Office Building yesterday. There were present Mr. W. J. Carr (President), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. R. A. C. North, Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Dr. S. W. Tso, and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

There was a motion on the minutes in the name of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, reading: "That this Board recommends that legislation be introduced to provide means for the control and regulation of food prices in the Colony."

Mr. Wong asked leave to postpone the motion to a later date. This was agreed to by the meeting.

A New Market.

Some discussion followed with regard to the new market at Cheung Sha Wan. The chairman informed the meeting that the new market was ready and that temporary licensees of that district would have their licenses withdrawn.

Questions were asked as to whether the present licensees would be given preference when letting out the stalls, and the Chairman replied that the licensees were warned when their licenses were issued that when the market was ready the present licensees would be cancelled. The Chairman thought there would be no hardship inflicted.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked if the prices in that market were going to be regulated, and the Chairman replied that it was not within the power of the Board to do so.

In reply to Mr. Braga, the Chairman said that in the first instance licensees for stallholders in the new market would be granted for a period of three years.

Mr. Braga expressed the hope that the system now in existence regarding the Central Market would not be adopted. He learned that in almost all cases, stallholders at the Central Market had been in possession of their stalls for the last sixteen years. He notified the Board that he intended to give notice to move at the next meeting that such a system as that in existence at the Central Market be not adopted in the case of the new market.

Water Rationing.

Mr. Braga then gave notice of the following question:

1. In view of the existing rationing of the water supply on the island of Hongkong and of the recurring restrictions during dry seasons, will the President inform the Board as to the number of houses on the island using water from the Government mains (as distinguished from independent water supplies) for flushing purposes? The figures should be given separately for—

- (a) dwelling-houses,
- (b) Government buildings,
- (c) hospitals, and
- (d) hotels and offices.

2. In whose hands is the power vested for granting permission for the use of filtered water from Government mains for flushing and gardening purposes?

3. What specific requirements (if any) are imposed before the permission (referred to in (2)) is granted by the authority concerned?

ARGUS PLANE DOWN.

MAKES FORCED LANDING.

Experiencing engine trouble while exercising over the Harbour yesterday at tiffin time, a seaplane from H.M.S. Argus made a forced landing near Stonecutter's and had to be towed back to the mother-ship by a naval pinnace.

The naval authorities stated on enquiry that the pilot maintained control of the machine and alighted on the water without accident.

FUNERAL.

INTERMENT OF GALLANT CHINESE POLICEMAN.

The funeral of Chan Sing, the second Chinese police officer to succumb to a bullet received during the battle with robbers last Wednesday, took place yesterday afternoon at the Pokfulam Chinese cemetery, when there was a striking demonstration of sympathy. This brave officer was shot in the abdomen when near Connaught Garage and died at the Government Civil Hospital on Monday morning.

The funeral procession started from the Hospital mortuary at 2.30 by which time a large number of sympathisers had gathered, among whom were a number of clergymen. Others who attended were the acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the assistant Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. D. W. Troutman, the Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp, Sir Shouson Chow, who also represented the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the latter being unable to attend owing to indisposition, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. W. L. B. Sparrow, A. S. P., Commander G. B. Hartford, Adjutant Police Reserve, Chief Inspector W. Kent, Mr. Bishen Singh, Commissioner, and Mr. Sirdar Khan (A.S.P.) Police Reserve.

In addition there was a large gathering of Chinese constables, Chinese watchmen, Indian police, European Inspectors and sergeants and Police Reserves, including the Mobile Section.

The procession walked along Queen's Road and down Bonham Strand into Des Voeux Road West and then followed the main road to Centre Street. It turned up Centre Street into Queen's Road West, passing No. 7 Police Station, and emerged into Pokfulam Road. When a spot near the University cricket ground was reached the cortege stopped and the followers paid their last respects by filing past at the salute. The coffin was then taken to the Chinese cemetery for the last native observances.

The sympathy felt for the death of the unfortunate officer was reflected in the numerous wreaths sent. There were so many that a prison van had to be used for their conveyance to the cemetery.

Among others there were wreaths from Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A. S. P., Commander G. B. Hartford and from each section of the Police Reserve, being the Chinese, Indian, Sharpshooters and Mobile sections. Also there was many tributes from Inspectors and Sergeants, from the station to which Chan Sing was attached, the mess, and also from other Chinese contingents in the Colony. A number of floral tributes were also sent by various sections of the Indian Police, and other members of the community.

LOST LIEUTENANT.

NO TRACES FOUND OF HIM.

London, Dec. 13.

The Governor of Shansi, Yen Hai-shan, has informed the British authorities in Peking that, despite careful inquiries no trace has been found in the province of Lieutenant Knowles of the British Legation Guard, who has been missing since October, when he proceeded westward on a fortnight's walking tour. He was last heard of about the middle of November then he stayed for a few days in a Trappist monastery. The gravest fears are entertained as to his fate.—British Wireless.

"LOCKED OUT."

EFFORTS TO IMPEACH A GOVERNOR THWARTED.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 13. Faced by a machine gun and troops posted before the Chamber, the members of the House of Representatives found themselves "locked out" by Governor Henry Johnston. The Speaker therefore summoned the members to "sit in the street" to receive the impeachment charges against the Governor. Eventually the legislators assembled at a local hotel.

The trouble apparently arose out of the question of the right of the Legislature to assemble on its own initiative. The Senate did so last week without executive order, but the Supreme Court of the State declared the session illegal. The Senate thereupon voted itself qualified to sit as a court of impeachment and decided to re-assemble when the lower house had prepared the indictments against the Governor, who is allegedly a member of the Mystic Rosierucian Order.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIANS SENTENCED.

CONVICTED OF EXCITING COMMUNAL HATRED.

New Delhi, Dec. 13.

Professor Indra, the son of the murdered Swami Shradhanand, and his assistant editor Panditsatyaarama, have been respectively sentenced to 12 and 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and fine of 1,500 and 75 rupees, for publishing newspaper articles tending to excite communal hatred.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS SALVATION ARMY OFFICER.

London, Dec. 13.

The death is announced of Commissioner Elijah Cadman, the first Salvation Army Captain, whose adoption of the title led to the system of ranking the Salvationists.—Reuter.

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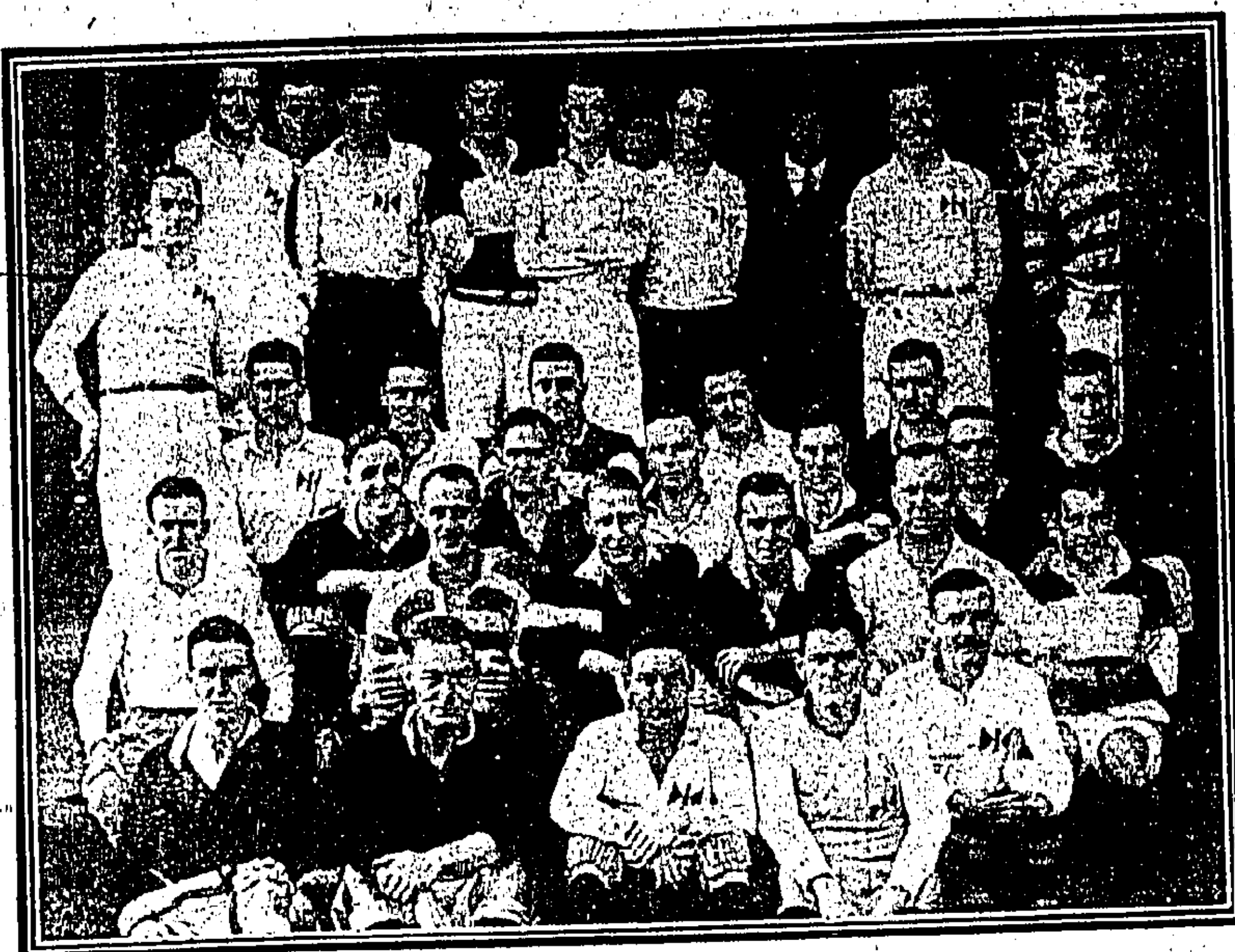
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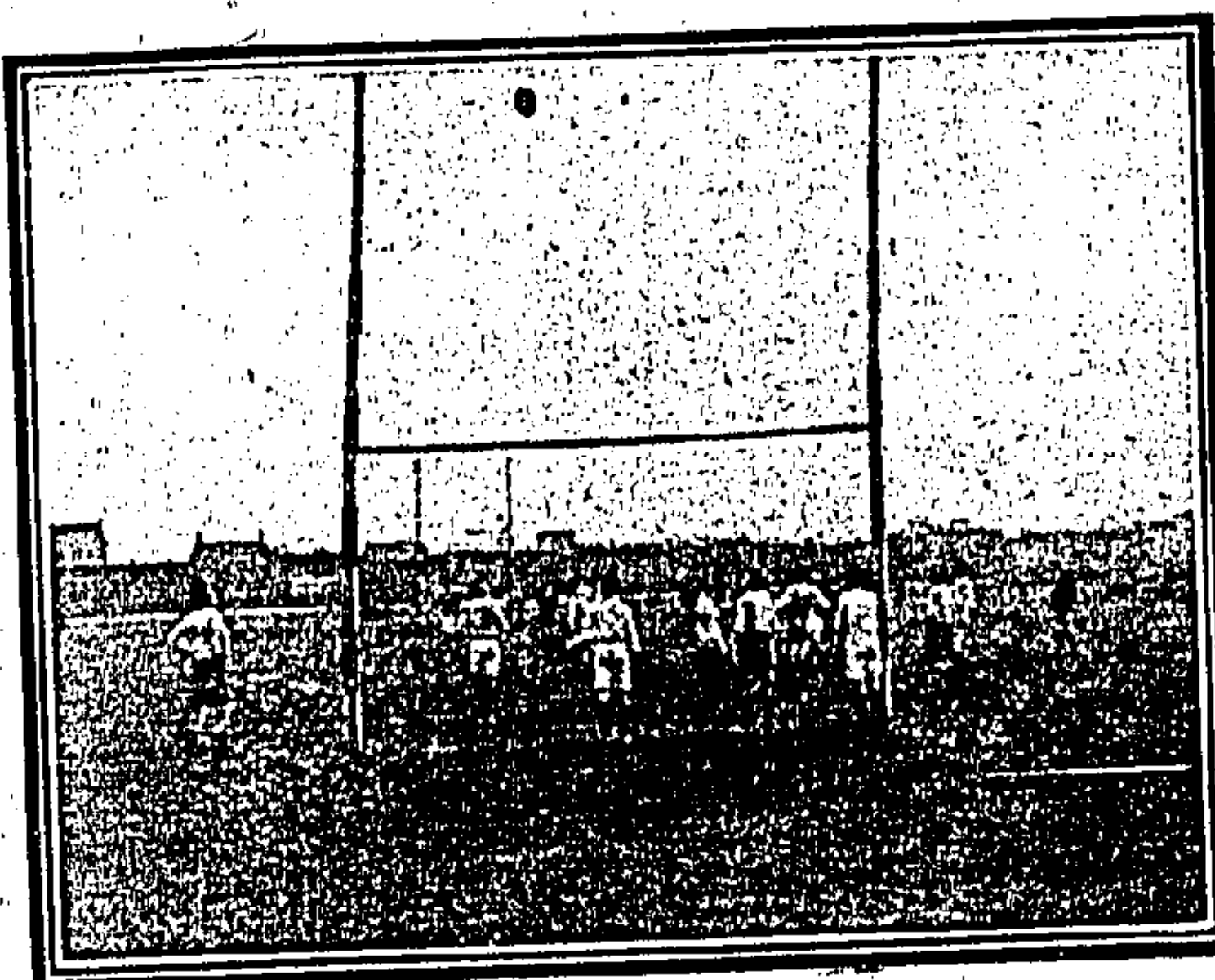
The annual rugby match between Wayfoong (the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) and Taikoo (Butterfield and Swire) was played on the Shanghai Cricket Club ground recently resulting in a win for the bank players. Photograph shows the teams just before the match.



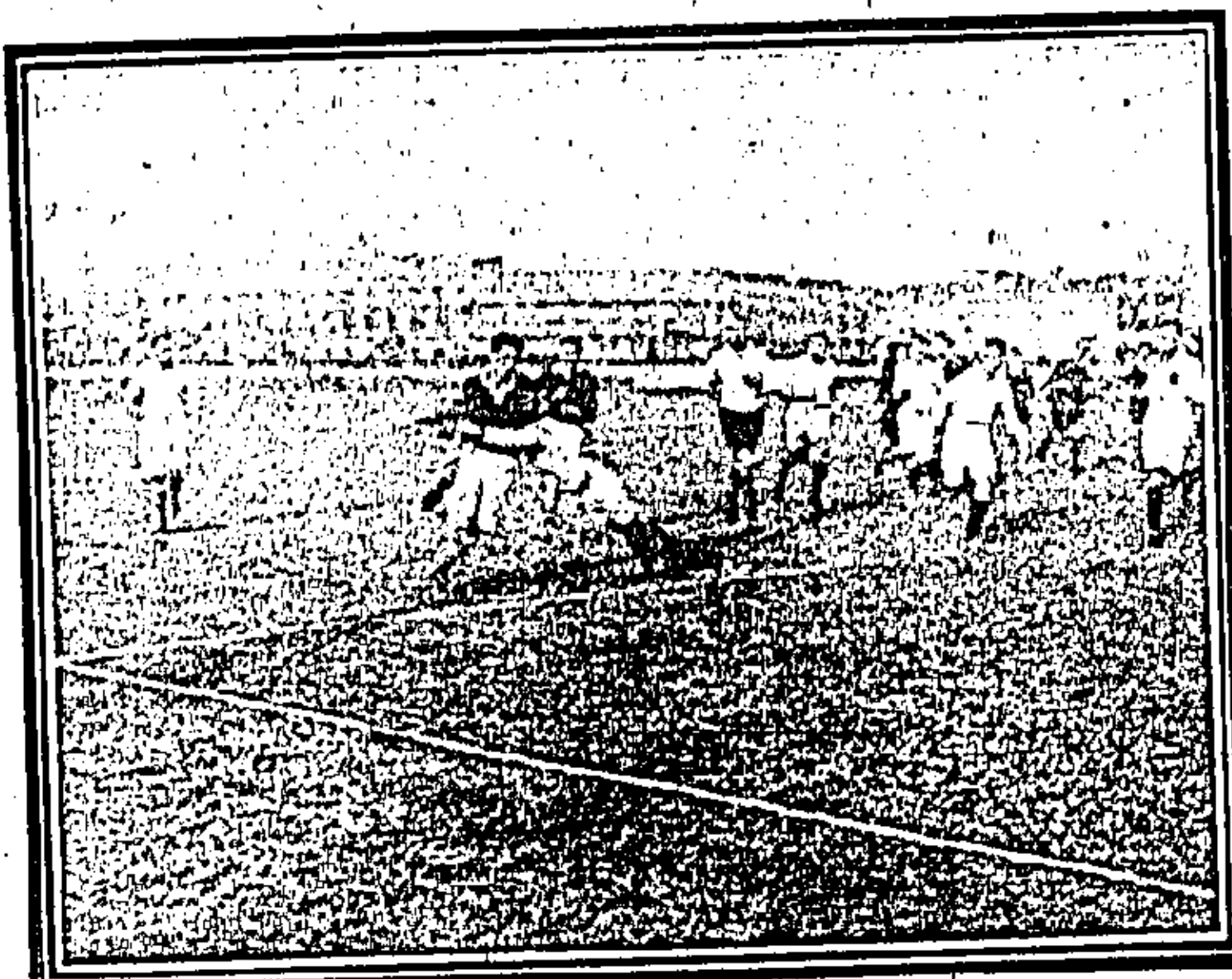
General and Mrs. John Duncan, and Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Gauntlett, who were among the large gathering which turned out at Shanghai to watch the paper hunt, last Saturday week.



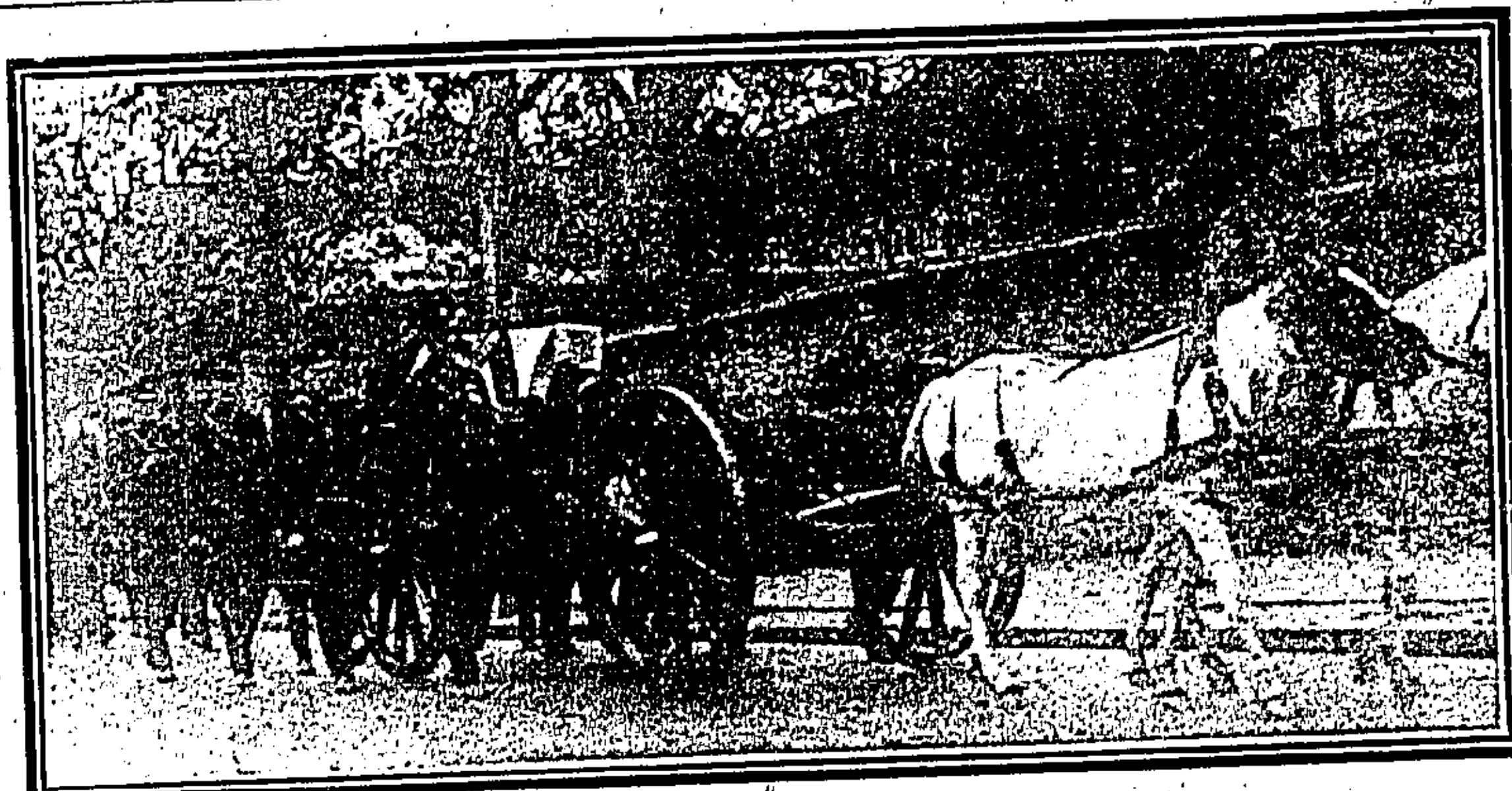
A section of the crowd at Shanghai, which assembled to watch the final match for the Army Rugby Cup of the North China Command, between the Coldstream Guards and the Welch Regiment. The Welch won by 25 points to nil.



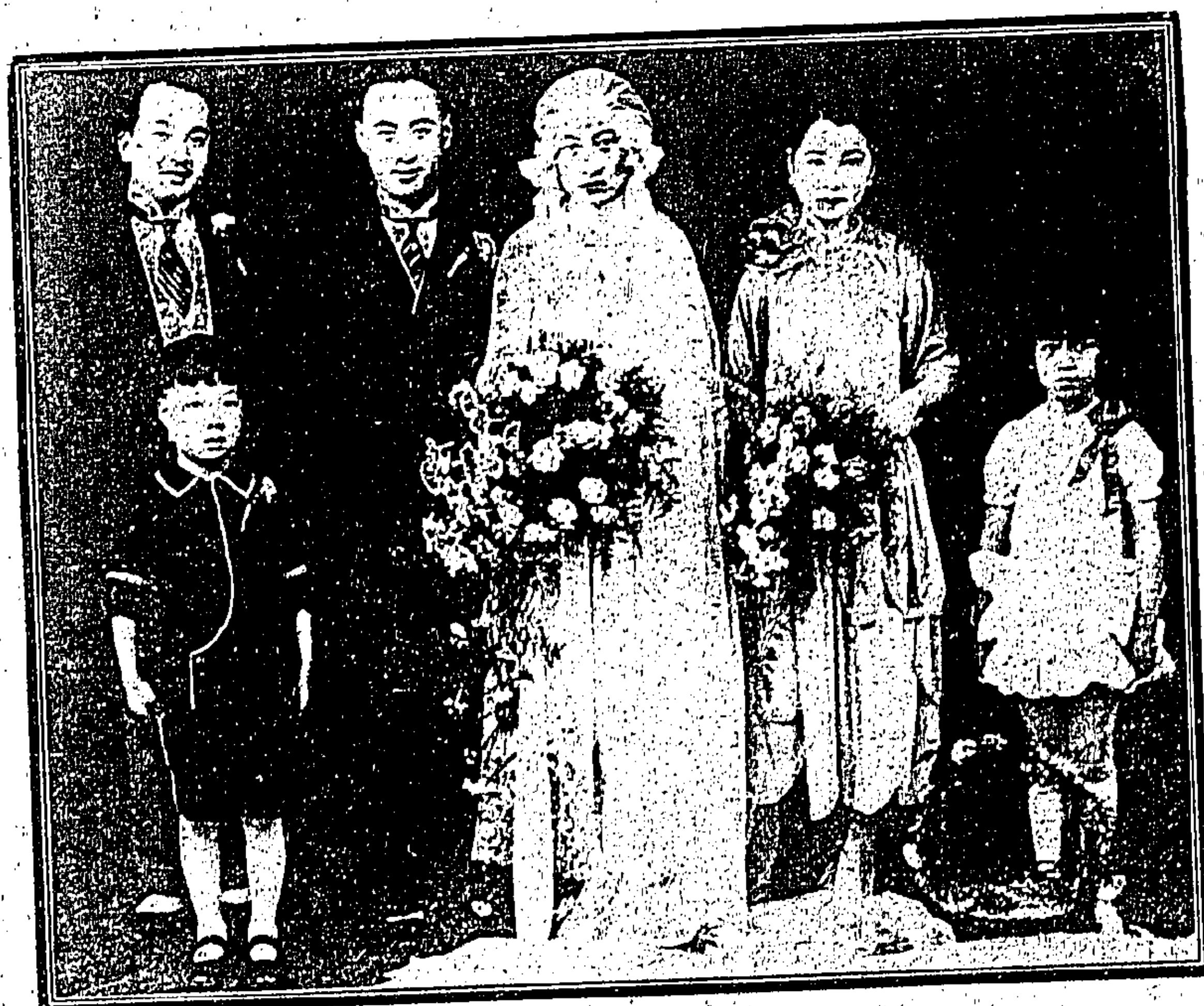
A splendid action snap of Shanghai converting a try in their recent match against the Navy, played on the polo ground.



Another action photograph of Shanghai and Navy Rugby players during their recent match. A Navy back is just bringing off a perfect tackle.



Special honours were accorded to the remains of Police Constable T. R. Francis, Shanghai M. P. of Sinza Police Station, who was killed in a fight with armed kidnappers. The photo shows the coffin draped with the S. M. C. flag.



Group taken after the wedding, which took place, in Shanghai, on November 26, of Mr. Chang Hsin-lion, elder son of Mr. Chang Shou-yung, the Vice-Minister of Finance, and which was celebrated at the Carlton. Mr. Yu Yah-ching was best man.



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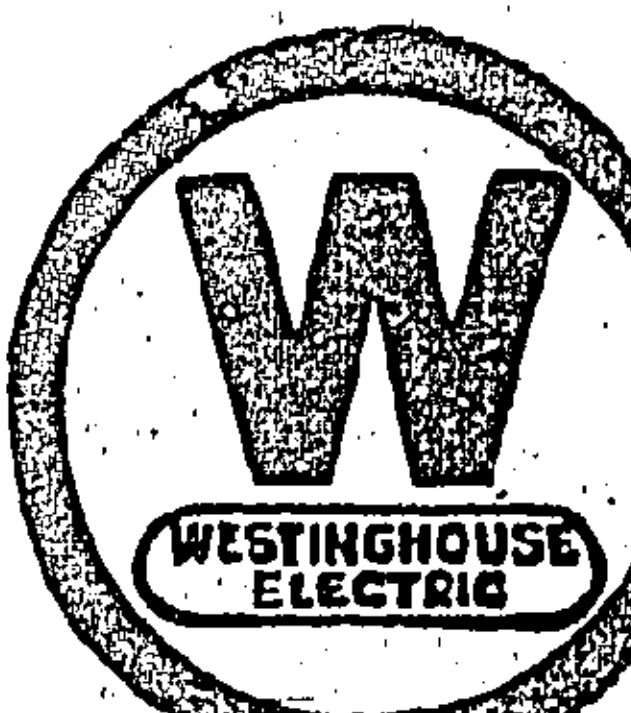
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Hongkong, 12th Dec., 1927.

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Manila	Per Zama	December 14.
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Europe via Negapatam, (letters only)	Antenor	December 15.
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Siberia	Per Hakoaki Maru	December 16.
Japan	Per Rakuyo Maru	December 17.
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Straits	Per Kashgar	December 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Per City of Peking	December 24.
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Japan and Shanghai	Per Ixion	December 29.
Suez and Straits	Per Hakusan Maru	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Per Pyrrhus	December 30.
	Per Pres. Harrison	December 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date
Swatow	Antung Wed., Dec. 14, 8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming Wed., Dec. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via	
Siberia	Kalyan Wed., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru Thurs., Dec. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Laisang Thurs., Dec. 15, Noon.
	Letters 1 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisondari Thurs., Dec. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydranga Thurs., Dec. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Vogland Thurs., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Pooksang Thurs., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru Fri., Dec. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chusan Fri., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Parcels 15th 5 p.m.
via Thursday Island	Changeo Fri., Dec. 16, Registration 9.45 a.m.
	Letters 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 27th Dec.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong Fri., Dec. 16, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Szechuen Fri., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Hakoaki Maru Sat., Dec. 17, 10 a.m.
	K.P.O.
	Registration Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Registration Dec. 17, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 15th Jan. 1928.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Parcels Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
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	(Due Victoria, B.C. 9th Jan. 1928.)
Amoy	Kiungchow Sat., Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang Sat., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva Sat., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	Kiangsu Sun., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru Sun., Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Sunning Mon., Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Menado Maru Tues., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Haining Tues., Dec. 20, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	
Singapore, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Paul Lecat Tues., Dec. 20, K.P.O.
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	G.P.O.
	Registration 1.45 p.m.
	Letters 2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th Jan. 1928.)
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Taiwan Maru Wed., Dec. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tango Maru Wed., Dec. 21, Registration 8.45 a.m.
	Letters 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 2nd Jan. 1928.)
Weihow	Kueichow Thurs., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong Fri., Dec. 23, Noon.
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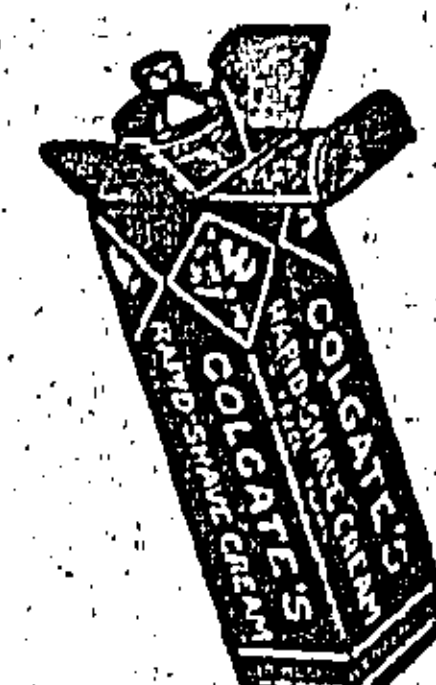
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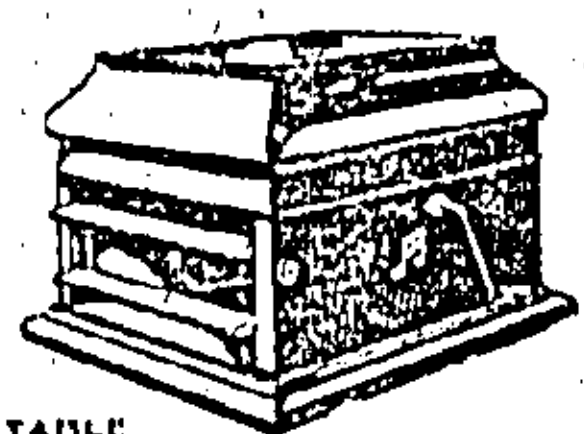
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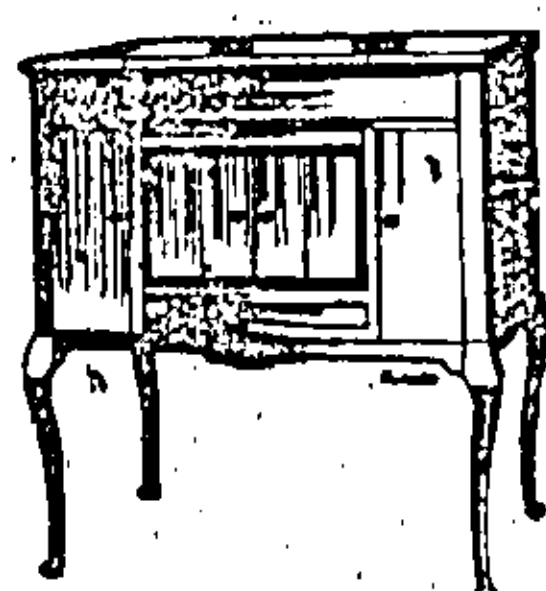
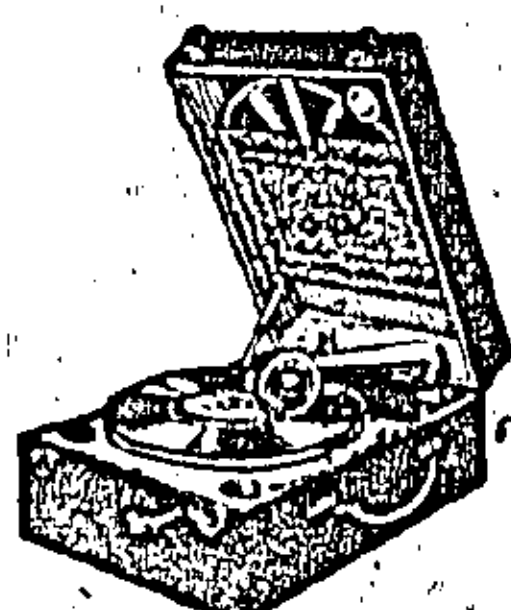
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Produced by the brilliant Irish director, Rex Ingram, from the story of the Spanish author, Vicente Blasco Ibanez, "The Four Horsemen" is a picture full of dramatic interest and pictorial glamour, sweeping from the Argentine to the Paris of peace and war.

The distinguished cast is headed by Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry. Valentino is seen in this picture in the role which made him famous and his performance is without question a splendid piece of work.

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Drama of a very human nature characterises "Sea Horses," now filling the bill at the World Theatre. The story is along the usual rut of conventionalities, and takes the spectator to a lonely spot in Italian Somaliland, on the east coast of Africa, where the tragedy in the life of a beautiful English girl, who is married to a degenerate Italian husband, is enacted against the background of an African jungle, and finds its corresponding tempo in the havoc of a tropical storm. The play is very well cast and the scenes of tropical jungle and storm very realistic. Jack Holt and Florence Vidar are the chief stars in the story.

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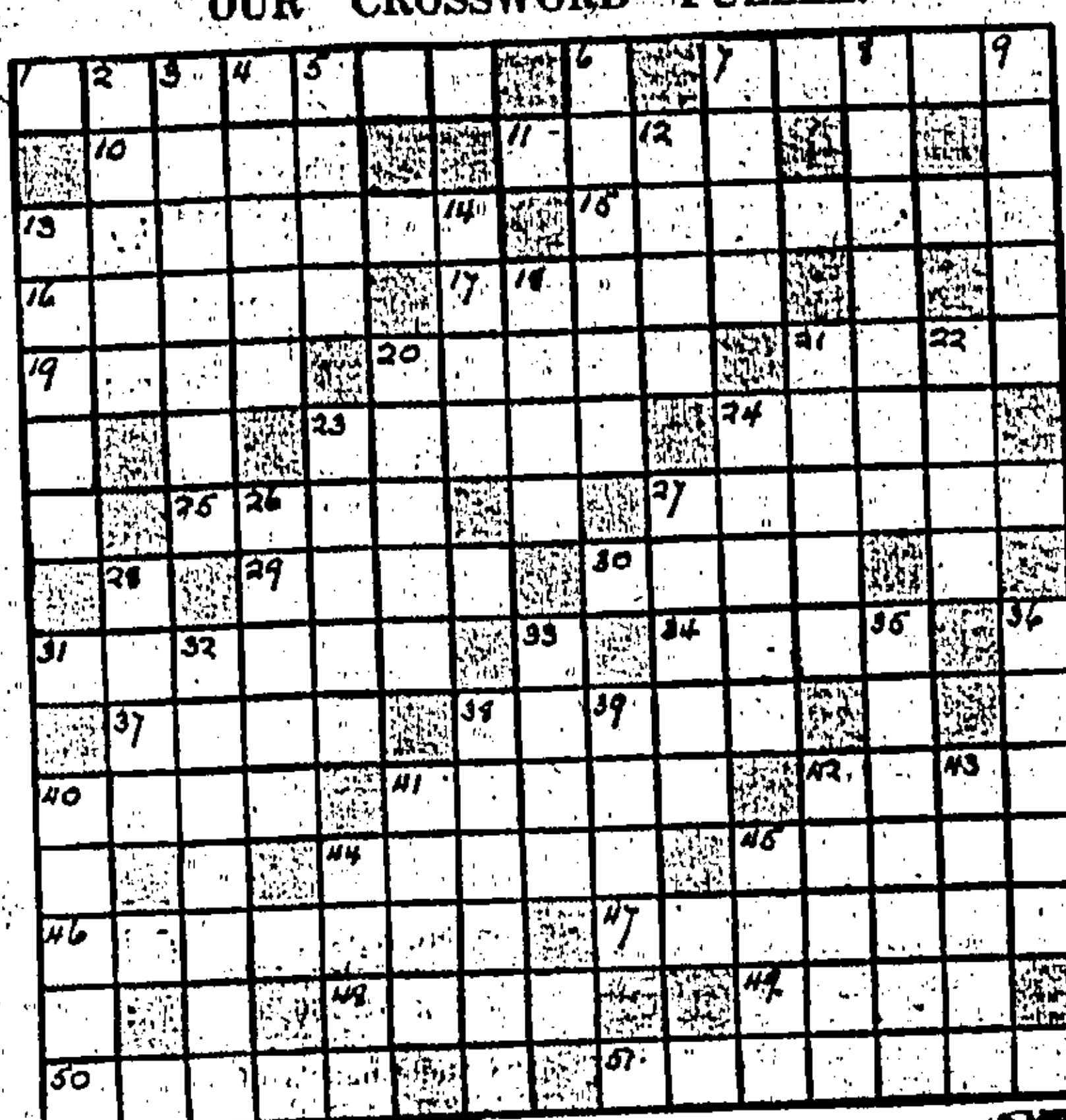
2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across:

- 1 Powerful.
- 2 Club.
- 3 One who mimics.
- 11 Widely prevailing rumour.
- 13 Income of an ecclesiastical living.
- 15 Severe in language.
- 16 Silent.
- 17 Progeny.
- 19 Cetaceous animal frequenting the Amazon.
- 20 Species of pepper.
- 21 Prudent.
- 23 Part of a flower.
- 24 Diminish.
- 25 Stud.
- 27 Mute.
- 29 Part of a ship.
- 30 Trigonometrical term.
- 31 Ornamental clasp.
- 34 Advise.
- 37 French priest.
- 38 Roman household deities.
- 40 Otherwise.
- 41 Cloth made of flax.
- 42 Measure.
- 43 Plots of ground for building upon.
- 45 Females.
- 46 Brass musical wind instrument.
- 47 Instrument in the form of a fork.
- 48 Unoccupied.
- 49 Marshes.
- 50 Highly skilled.
- 51 Give refuge to.

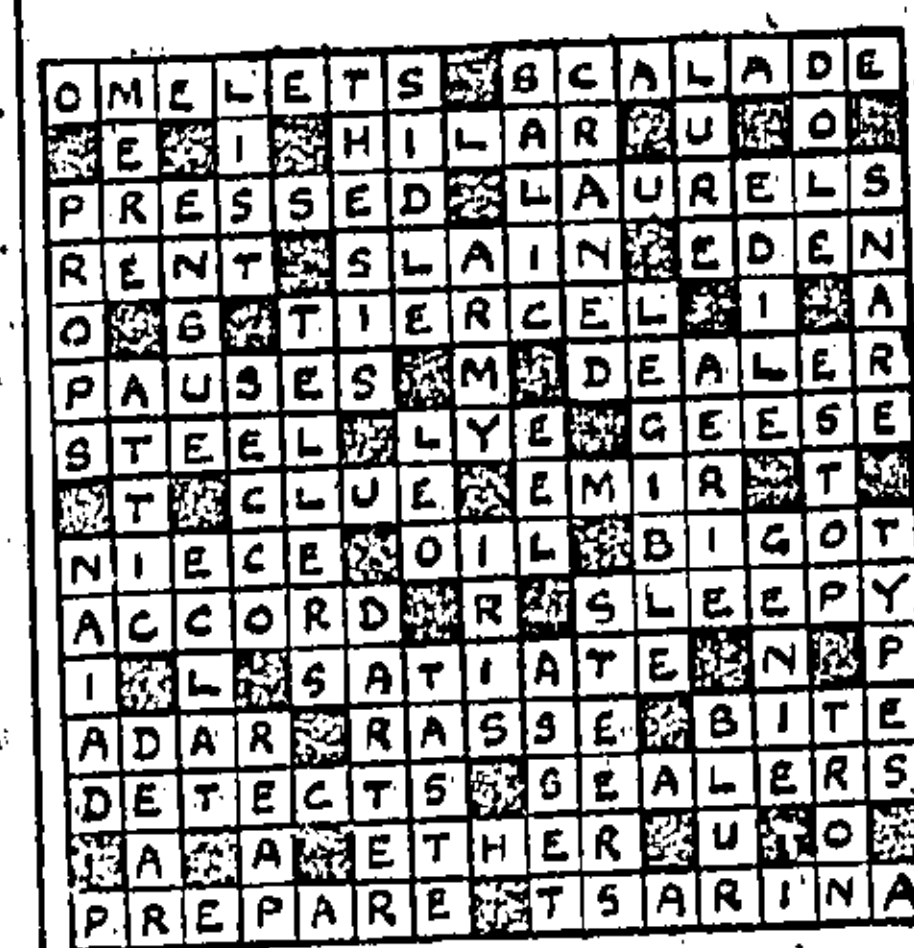
Down:

- 2 Kind of walking stick.
- 3 Relating to cookery.
- 4 Cuttlefish.
- 5 Allowance for waste.
- 6 Pendant ornament.
- 7 Redness.
- 8 Kind of horizontal water wheel.
- 9 Mother-of-pearl.
- 12 Maltreat severely.

13 Floating dust in flour mills.

- 14 Session.
- 18 Male of the kind.
- 20 Cast forth.
- 21 Marked with stripes.
- 22 Despatched.
- 23 Portion.
- 24 Alcoholic liquours.
- 26 Sun-dried brick.
- 27 Fog signal.
- 28 Uttered by the mouth.
- 32 Dim.
- 33 Weather-cock.
- 35 Ingredient.
- 36 Expended.
- 38 Not much.
- 39 Sleep.
- 40 In addition.
- 41 Told an untruth.
- 42 Mould.
- 43 Rigid.
- 44 Pierce.
- 45 Married woman.

Yesterday's Solution.



HARBOUR INCIDENT.

ANGRY COOLIES THREATEN TROUBLE.

The actions of disgruntled steerage passengers on the s.s. Gorgistan lying off Laichikok resulted in a wireless message being sent out last night stating that trouble on board was feared. The wireless message was picked up by the Police and in response to it three launches were despatched to the vessel by the Water Police while another strong force from Central Headquarters chartered several motor boats and went out to the vessel. A Naval launch was also sent.

The s.s. Gorgistan, which, it is understood is owned by Mr. Nemaze, arrived in port about five days ago from Amoy. The vessel carries four European officers.

It appears that there were over 600 steerage passengers on board and that after remaining on the ship for five days began to be discontented at the long delay. It is understood that the s.s. Gorgistan is to go into dock for overhaul and that the steerage passengers, and that the Straits ports, will be transferred to the s.s. Sistan.

Chafing at the delay the steerage passengers yesterday showed signs of discontent and in the evening left the steerage

and gave every indication of causing trouble. Eventually they made their way to the officers' quarters and made several threats regarding their intentions. It is understood that they procured various articles lying near at hand and which might have been used for weapons. Apparently believing that the commander of the vessel had something to do with the delay in their transshipment some of the passengers procured a rope and threatened to hang him with it.

The situation became menacing and the master of the vessel deemed it advisable to call for assistance. This was promptly answered and the police arrived before the affair developed into anything serious.

When the steerage passengers saw the Police launches approaching they dropped their truculent attitude and when the Police arrived on board there was little indication that trouble had been threatened.

It is understood that the vessel carries no Indian guards which might have had a controlling effect. As a precaution police units remained on board during the night, one party being relieved by another. Police launches continued to cruise in the vicinity of the vessel and no serious trouble developed.

The steerage passengers will be transferred to the s.s. Sistan probably on the arrival of that vessel to-day.

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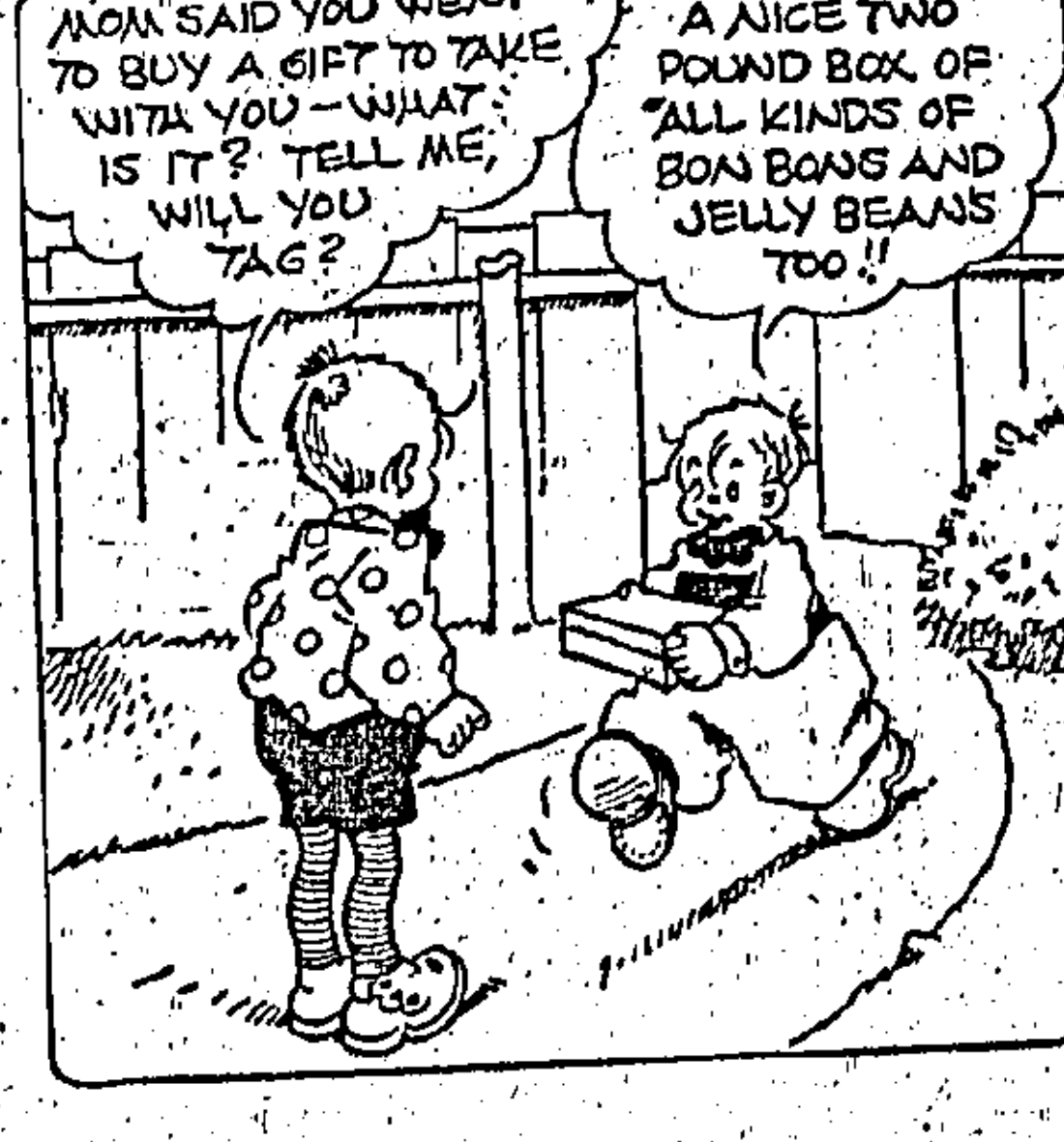
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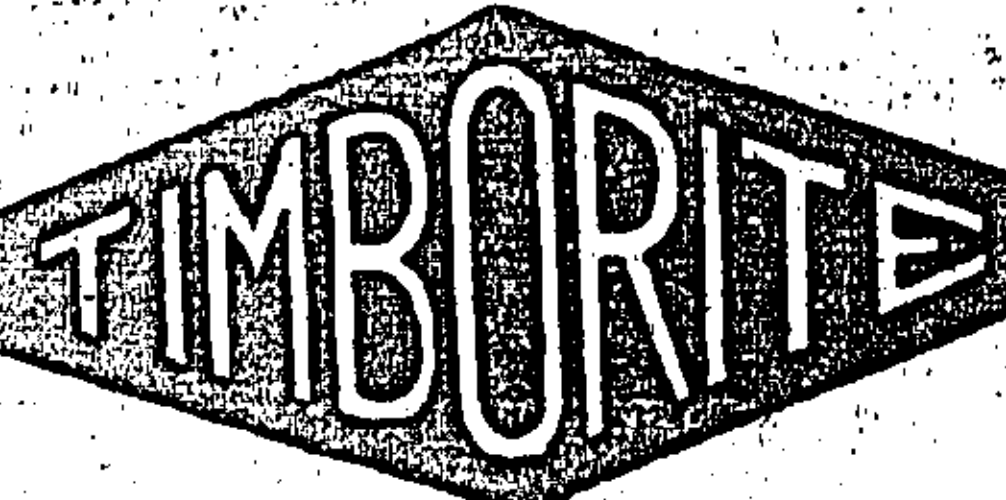
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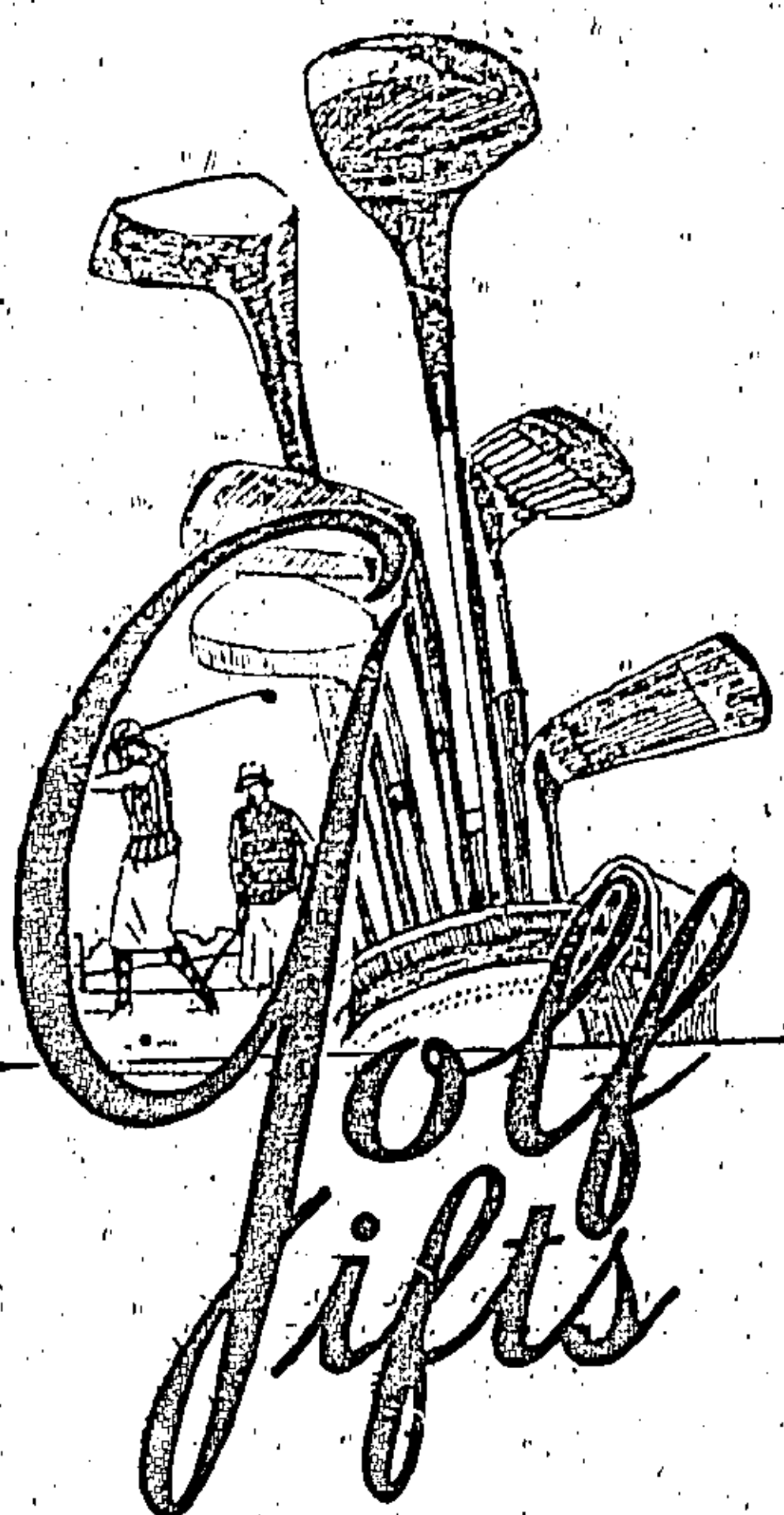
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Mrs. Wan and Family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all the friends who have shown such great kindness and sympathy to them in their bereavement. Also they are extremely grateful to those who volunteered their service at the cemetery.

The Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14 1927.

CHINA'S CHAOS.

As we ponder over the present state of China, and, in particular, think of the brutal atrocities committed almost daily by the so-called Communists, we cannot help wondering whether the nation is not rapidly sinking into a state of utter and complete chaos from which, without outside aid, she will be unable to extricate herself. This much is certain—that the forces of disintegration are more active to-day than they ever have been, and that the long-awaited reunification of the country still seems very far off. Tracing the trouble to its source of origin, there can be no doubt that the forces of disorder have sprung from Kuomintang activity and more especially from the latter-day conceptions of that Party's leaders. The new brand of "Nationalism" of which these men have been the exponents has been very largely responsible for the terrible upheaval which China is to-day experiencing.

Whatever may have been said of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the founder of the Kuomintang, even his bitterest enemies will admit that his personal integrity was never in question. His political ideas may have been ill-advised and dangerous; he believed they were. But he was an outstanding example of a man wedded to a cause which he believed to be right; not only did he devote his life's work to the Party which he created, but he believed he felt convinced that he was at the same time serving his country's interests. In his latter years, he consorted too freely with Revolutionaries whose one aim was to make a tool of him and his Party, but the outstanding fact remains that the greater part of his life was spent in service to an ideal. As we observed recently, since his death there has arisen

no-one to take his place, and the result has been that the Kuomintang has become hopelessly split into opposing factions, whilst its aims have degenerated to such an extent that they bear little resemblance to their late leader's conceptions of what the Party should stand for. Whilst Dr. Sun was alive, he held the Kuomintang together, and its thousands of members literally venerated him and his work. The trouble with China to-day is that no leader, no matter what faction we take, commands the veneration or even the allegiance of any considerable following—all are "in the game" largely for what they can get out of it. There is admittedly some sort of loyalty to party or military chiefs, but even this is so lightly based that it is without difficulty transferred to others of service to the country, solely for the country's sake, there is none.

Unfortunately, these are facts which are not fully grasped by the outside world. In England and in America the haziest and most mistaken impressions prevail regarding what is believed to be a genuine "Nationalist" movement, but we can only hope that the news of what is now occurring in China will prove a corrective to current misconceptions and cause observers of the Chinese situation to assess the position in its real significance.

British Troops in China.

We cannot help but share the astonishment expressed in the House of Commons that the sum necessary to meet the cost involved by the employment of extra troops in China should have mounted to the region of £5,000,000. In addition to the £950,000 asked for and voted in March last, the War Office is submitting a supplementary estimate for £3,900,000—making a total of £4,850,000 since the troops were sent at the beginning of 1926. If up to March last a sum less than a million sterling was found sufficient, why is it that nearly four millions more are required now? That is what requires explanation and the House has been promised that explanation sometime this week. It is not announced up till what date this last vote will carry things, but it is to be presumed that it will be some date fairly well ahead. There can be no two opinions, we think, regarding the necessity of still maintaining a fairly strong force of British troops in China, for the country would seem to be as far away from peace and stability as when the troops were first sent out to afford protection to British lives and property. As we are reminded by Kenter's cable, the latest affair in Canton shows to what an extent extremism and lawlessness can prevail in the present disturbed circumstances, and with the Nationalist party still divided against itself and still engaged in what we think is a futile fight against the power of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, it would be false economy and the reverse of wisdom to send back home the extra British troops on whose presence depends so much of the safeguards to foreigners. The original force has been greatly reduced already and any further diminution would greatly detract from its effectiveness. That its despatch and maintenance should have proved so costly has come as a surprise and we cannot help thinking that the Government should have been a little more informative on this point earlier in the day. That the force has amply justified its presence goes without saying, and we are pleased to note that in the House of Commons opportunity is going to be given for Parliament to express the country's thanks to the troops for their exemplary conduct. We, out here, know that that thanks is fully deserved.

Tributes to the work of the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, with particular reference to Service men and the soldiers arranged at St. John's Cathedral Hall were paid at the Sunday night social when his regular attendance and interest in the social and the general welfare of the Service men was mentioned. The Rev. Copley Moyle was also the guest on Monday night of St. Peter's Young Men's Club on the occasion of his impending departure. Tribute to the work of Mr. Moyle in the Colony and his interest in the Young Men's Club, of which he was a Vice-President, was paid and a presentation from past pupils of Diocesan College, many of whom were present, was made. A further presentation is to be made to the Rev. Copley Moyle at a reception to be held at the Cathedral Hall on December 29.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE THE STATE EXTENDS ITSELF, THE MORE 'LIBERTY' DIMINISHES.—Rousseau.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow is: "North-east winds, Moderate; fine."

The B. L. s.s. Tilawa is to leave Amoy on Friday and is due here on the following evening.

Yesterday's health return shows one British case of typhoid fever and one Chinese case of diphtheria.

The P. and O. Morea has arrived with six recruits from Home for the Hongkong Police Force.

The President Pierce, arriving from Manila, reports having on board four lepers in isolation for disembarkation at Hongkong.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this morning we were informed that Sergt. T. McMahon is making good progress towards recovery.

The Concert to be held at the Helena May on Thursday 15th December is postponed until January. Tickets sold will hold good for next performance.—Admt.

Commencing from Monday December 19th, Lane, Crawford's establishment will remain open until 6 p.m. each day, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

The silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Asia on the 15th November arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 9th December, having been 23 days in transit.

A report was yesterday made to the police that a quantity of money, clothing and jewellery, valued at \$195, was stolen from the servant's quarters of a flat in Prat Building, Kowloon.

A very impressive route march was carried out in Kowloon this morning by a naval party about 150 strong, comprising bluejackets and Marines, headed by a band. The men presented a very smart appearance.

A Chinese, employed as a servant at No. 32 Caine Road, third floor, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from serious injuries received through falling over the verandah of the first floor into the street.

A coolie was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital, having been injured in a motor accident in Connaught Road Central. The motorist, after knocking down the coolie, did not stop and so far has made no report to the police.

The Great China Hotel, situated on the Praya, to the west of the Harbour Office, opened for business this morning with a full booking of refugees from Canton. The occasion was celebrated by bursts of crackers and a parade of be-flagged motor cars through the town.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, the masters of two lighters were charged with mooring their craft in the Central Railway, thereby causing an obstruction and pleading guilty, were both fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days imprisonment.

Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the length of the film, special starting times have been arranged for "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Performances begin promptly at 2.30, 5.50, 7.15 and 9.30 and the picture will be screened immediately after the overture.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and 23 departures, of which eight and 10 were British. Tonnage was high with British vessels carrying a fair share of the freights and the highest inward cargo. The through freights were heavily in favour of the Japanese entries. The remained 62 vessels in harbour of which 27 were British.

Pictures showing in the local cinema for the last time to-day are "Sea Horses" at the World Theatre and "Hogan's Alley" at the Star Theatre. "Sea Horses" is a romance of a tramp steamer and the coast of East Africa with Jack Holt and Florence Vidor in the leading roles. "Hogan's Alley" is a story of New York presenting Monte Blue, Patsy Ruth Miller, Louise Fazenda, Willard Louis and Ben Turpin.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I am afraid "Marine" in his letter yesterday was perhaps a little unfair in choosing cancer as being likely to be amenable to Christian Science treatment. Despite the best efforts of medical men the causes and cure of this terrible disease are so far uncertain.

That Christian Science does do good in certain instances has been time and again proved. The latest evidence of such brought to my notice, is contained in the following account of a coroner's inquest published in the Times of November 12:

The Croydon Coroner (Dr. H. B. Jackson) yesterday concluded an inquest on the body of Mrs. Winifred Bedford, aged 44, a Christian Scientist, of Spa Hill, Upper Norwood. According to the evidence, Mrs. Bedford became tuberculous in 1919, and, after having sanatorium and ordinary medical treatment, took to Christian Science and gave up doctors and drugs. Though she could then scarcely walk, she improved so much that she became apparently normal again. She married in 1920, and for six years was able to look after her own household work and play tennis. A year ago, however, the old symptoms returned. She refused emphatically to see a doctor, and consulted Christian Science practitioners. Throughout her illness she was treated with nourishing food, rest, and fresh air. Her husband felt if a doctor had been called in his wife would have been so much upset that it might have endangered her life.

Dr. R. M. Bronte, pathologist, Harley-street, W., said that death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Coroner—Can you say that the life of this woman would have been prolonged had she received orthodox medical treatment right through the last six or seven years?

Dr. Bronte—No, Sir, I cannot. The Coroner said it was extremely probable that Mrs. Bedford was never cured, although she appeared to be so much better for several years. She had the proper treatment at home, and it was difficult to see what more could have been done for her. Drug treatment in ordinary cases of pulmonary tuberculosis was an extremely minor matter. At the same time, he disclaimed approval in any way of the practice of declining to call in a doctor in cases of serious illness. In certain circumstances, particularly concerning children, those responsible would be liable to a charge of manslaughter. It was as well that that should be known, as the practice of resorting to unorthodox methods and treatment was growing.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

Yours, etc.,
FAIRPLAY,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1927.

OBITUARY.

SURGEON LIEUT.-CMDR. J. J. CARROLL.

It is with much regret we record the death, at the Royal Naval Hospital early this morning, of Surgeon Lieut. Commr. J. J. Carroll, M.B., after an operation for appendicitis, followed by complications.

The deceased officer, although he had been in charge of the surgery at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Hongkong, for a little over four months only, had made himself very popular with the staff, to whom the news of his death after a short illness has come as a great shock.

Deep sympathy will be extended to the widow, who joined her husband in Hongkong only very recently.

The funeral, with full naval honours, takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at five o'clock.

STOLEN CUP.

THEFT FROM EMPRESS LINE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a workman of the Kowloon Docks was charged, before Mr. W. Schofield, with larceny of a tumbler and a tea cup from the Empress of Russia and with boarding the ship without permission.

The defendant was alleged to have been arrested coming off the boat, which was in dry dock, with the stolen articles in this possession, shortly after the tiffin interval yesterday.

On defendant pleading guilty to both charges, his Worship imposed fines of \$10, or 4 days, and \$5, or seven days, respectively.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 7/16.
Lighting-up 5.41 p.m.

The Very Idea!

"With his free hand he raised his hat, bent his head and kissed her on the forehead."—Serial in an American paper.

Mrs. Brown, who had been engaged in a somewhat prolonged and heated dialogue with her husband about a dignified retreat as soon as she found she was getting the worst of the argument, and turned her attention to culinary matters as a balm for her ruffled soul.

"Jane," she said, "I want you to put on your things at once and go out and see if you can get me a place."

"Yes, mum," replied Jane, with alacrity. "And while I'm about it I may as well look for one myself, too, for I'm blest if I can stand the master any more than you!"

Five-year term marriages, with the option of renewal at the end of that period, are advocated by Judge Burnell, the presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, as a means of obviating perjury in the Division Courts.

Under this system divorce would only be granted for inconstancy and extreme cruelty. Questions of property and custody of the children of those desiring to separate would be settled by the Court.

Wilkesden woman: I gave my tenant notice, as he paid no rent and was a nuisance. He promptly bought the house over my head, and gave me notice the next day.

Woman in a Wilkesden assault case: I only pushed her face away, as any woman would.

Wife at Wilkesden: My husband told the magistrate last time that he was sorry he hit me, but he has never told me so.

When the warrant officer at Wood Green called, "All dog summonses this way," a dog joined the procession of persons summoned for keeping dogs without licences. He was ejected.

Plumber (to mate who is singing): "Now then, Caruso, stop it! Remember you're mendin' a bath—not 'avin' one!"

The dole is the curse of England—Commander Locker, Lampson—M.P.

Soon it will be a very ill-informed man who does not believe in ghosts—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Set yourselves out to be charming—Conan R. W. Swallow!

Money spent on cigarettes and picture houses is not the object of giving assistance out of public funds—Mr. Ingleby Oddie.

The Husband—"The sight of an old schoolmate is—er—well, it might be called both 'meat' and 'drink'."

The Wife—"Yes, that's what you men usually do in the circumstances."

"Eh?"

"Meet and drink."

A barrister stated in the King's Bench Division recently that a boy who claimed damages for personal injuries received when he was knocked down by a motor-car could not remember any incident which might be against him.

Mr. F. G. Paterson, for the boy, said that he was only ten years of age, and if he were now as clever as he had been suggested he would be Lord Chancellor some day.

Mr. Justice Avory: I did not know that was a qualification of a Lord Chancellor.

Mr. Paterson: I should have said Chancellor of the Exchequer, my lord.

An Englishman in New York met a man on the thirteenth floor of a skyscraper who asked: "W-w-would you m-m-m-mind g-g-getting in the elevator with me and a-a-asking the a-a-a-attendant to s-s-s-stop at the t-t-tenth floor? Every t-time I g-g-get in alone he p-p-p-passes it before I can t-t-tell him."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 13.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.80
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Stockholm	16.09
Vienna	34.02 1/2
Helsingfors	13.33
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	1.90
Buenos Aires	47.7/8
Shanghai	2.7/4
Yokohama	1.10/19/32
New York	4.88 3/8
Geneva	26.23
Milan	50.05
Copenhagen	16.20
Oslo	18.3/4
Madrid	29.07 1/2
Athens	337 1/4
Rio	5.29/32
Romboy	1.6/1/6
Hongkong	2.7/0 1/2
Silver (forward)	2.11/16
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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

RAILWAY DIVISION COMPETITION.

The Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade teams held their final competition for the Ho Foo Cup on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Monday afternoon. The results obtained showed that despite the fact that members of this particular division are prevented from regularly attending the field days organised by the Brigade they have attained a high standard of efficiency.

This year the Railway Division competed for the Cup in eight squads of four men each. Among those present at the final competition on Monday were Messrs. R. Baker, G. A. Walker, J. Morris, W. F. Cuff, E. Ralphs, A. Morris, Dr. E. R. Dovey and the Examining Officers, Drs. Major Lynch and Major Campbell. The two teams in the final were (Winners)—U. P. Yin, Lam Heung Wing, Li Chung and Li Yeung Fan. (Runners-up)—Chau Yuk, Lam Hon Cheong, Li Ping Tsan and Lo Lo Yu.

The winners were awarded 75 per cent. marks for efficiency by the judges and the runners-up, 60 per cent.

PRESS MESSAGES BY RADIO.

RECEIVED IN BATAVIA FROM HOLLAND.

Batavia, Dec. 7. The first attempt to transmit press messages by radiophone between here and Europe was accomplished to-day by the Dutch telephone administration with highly successful results. Batavia was in communication with The Hague for more than two hours. The dispatches comprised a review of world news compiled from a Reuter report.



SPORTS ITEMS.

WANATAHS STILL WINNING.

London, Dec. 3. To-day was rainless but the weather was icy cold when the Wanatahs played their fixture against Cardiff. It was a hard game, victory going to the New South Wales players by 17 points to 9. Jack Ford, one of the tourists' star forwards, was ordered off the field.

The first English trial took place at Leicester, Whites defeating Colours by 15 points to 9.

O.M.T.'s Beat Light Blues.

Results in other County and Club matches to-day were as follows:—Northumberland 17; Durham 0. Gloucestershire 3; Cornwall 3. O.M.T.'s 8; Cambridge University 6. Blackheath 15; Mosley 14. Richmond 5; Guy's 5. London Scottish 10; Birkenhead 3. Harlequins 3; Leicester 0. Corinthians Beat Cambridge.

London, Dec. 3. The Corinthians met Cambridge University at soccer this afternoon and won by six goals to two.

Inter-Varsity Relays.

London, Dec. 3. Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual inter-Varsity relay meeting by four events to three. Cambridge were successful in the 440 yards, the 480 yards (hurdles), two miles and mile, Oxford winning the four miles, half mile, and 880 yards (hurdles).

Inter-Varsity Squash.

London, Dec. 3. In the annual inter-Varsity squash rackets match Oxford defeated Cambridge.

The King's Jockeys.

London, Dec. 3. Childs and Alford will be the King's Jockeys next year. Lenglen Not Tired of Professionalism.

London, Dec. 3. Mlle. Lenglen has denied the report that she is going to try and become an amateur again. She is probably "kite-flying" but the Lawn Tennis Association bluntly predicts that they will not acquiesce in any such proposal.

German Hockey Players' Visit.

London, Dec. 3. A team of German hockey players are visiting England. A match against Britain at Folkestone was drawn, two all.

Greyhound Racing at Staines.

London, Dec. 3. When greyhound racing opens at Staines on Boxing Day it is probable that the track here at present in vogue will be superseded by the "trackless hare."

Sir John Simon Against Tote.

London, Dec. 3. The proposal to instal the totolator system on English racecourses has one influential opponent in Sir John Simon, who is strongly opposed to the idea.

Curious Steeplechase Incident.

London, Dec. 3. There was a curious incident at Kempton Park to-day during the Uxbridge Steeplechase. Glangesia's jockey was thrown, and a spectator caught the horse and mounted it. A mounted policeman stopped him, however, and the jockey remounted the horse and finished the race.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIANS "B" v. CRAIGENGOWER.

The following will represent the Indians "B" in the above match to be played at Sookunpoo on Saturday, 17th inst., commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, I. Hassan, D. Mohamed, A. S. Sullad, A. Rahmin, S. A. Hussain, A. K. Ismail, A. Butt, U. T. Thad, and M. P. Madar (Captain). Reserves—J. M. Rumjahn and E. M. K. Malubhoy.

"TOTE" IN AUSTRALIA.

ESTABLISHED IN VICTORIA.

Melbourne, Dec. 13. The Assembly has agreed to the Third Reading of a Bill establishing the totolator on race courses. —Reuter.

ARSENAL F. C. AFFAIRS.

CHANCERY COURT ACTION.

London, Nov. 20. The Daily Mail says that the affairs of the Arsenal F. C. are at a critical point. As a sequel to the Commission's report an extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held to consider the Football Association's demand that Mr. G. W. Peachey, one of the Club directors, be removed or the Arsenal's membership in the association would be terminated.

The Daily Mail points out a precedent in the case of Leeds City which was suspended in 1919 and wound up.

It adds that in order to obtain the three fourths majority to enable the removal of a director, the Arsenal recently allotted 1,500 unissued shares to shareholders favourable to carrying out the Association's instructions. Mr. Peachey applied for shares and was refused.

He says he was not guilty in word or deed justifying his removal and it is understood that he is legally challenging the Arsenal's right to issue shares.

London, Nov. 24. Mr. Peachey, accepting the judge's advice, resigned from the Arsenal directorship in the course of his action in the Chancery Court to restrain the co-directors from issuing shares for the purpose of "packing" to-morrow's meeting, upon which the action was stayed, the defendants agreeing to pay Mr. Peachey's costs.

Mr. Justice Astbury remarked that it was a nasty looking business, when he heard extracts from the Football Association's report concerning the payments for Sir Henry Norris's motor-car. Counsel said the Association only charged Mr. Peachey with remissness in not discovering the misappropriations.

Judge:—Why doesn't he accept their offer and accept resignation without impugning his character?

MALAYA CRICKETERS RETURNS.

HARD LUCK IN HONGKONG

Mr. N. J. A. Foster's team which went to Hongkong to represent Malaya in the triangular cricket tournament returned to Singapore last week.

Mr. Foster stated that they had no excuses to offer for their heavy defeats by Shanghai and Hongkong, but it might be pointed out that they had a good deal of hard luck and the strange light and ground also made a difference.

It has not previously been recorded that Mr. Foster sustained a bad knock over the eye while at the nets on the day after arrival and this must have had its effect.

Anonymous correspondents, while their arguments may have been sound, have used rather vitriolic language in discussing the Malayan team, (says the Straits Times), and it might be as well to assure Mr. Foster and his men that sportsmen here thoroughly appreciate the fact that they had a good deal of hard luck and made a plucky show under the circumstances.

VARISITY RUGBY.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEAT OXFORD.

London, Dec. 13. The rugby football match between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities was played at Twickenham to-day in dull weather and before a crowd of 35,000 spectators. Cambridge beat Oxford by 22 points to 14. Mr. Stani y Baldwin was among those present.

The game was fought at a great pace throughout and Oxford were unlucky. They held the famous Cambridge threequarters by keen and well-timed tackling, particularly so after the interval. Cambridge, however, had flashes of brilliance from which they scored.

In the first half, Novis and Heppenstall scored tries for Oxford, whilst for Cambridge, Scott scored a try which was converted by Windsor-Lewis, and Scott and Waters both scored penalty goals. Cambridge thus leading at the interval by 11 points to 6.

In the second half, Scott, Anrold and Rowe Harding scored tries for Cambridge, the last being converted by Waters. Sweatman and Hume scored tries for Oxford, the first being converted by Heppenstall.

It was a great game.—Reuter.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided. The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 17th:—

DIVISION I.

Bolton W. v Aston Villa.
Manchester U. v Arsenal.
Wednesday v Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Blackpool v Barnsley.
Oldham v Preston N.E.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Brentford v Charlton.
Bournemouth v Watford.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Barrow v Wigan.
Chesterfield v New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v Motherwell.
Dunfermline v Hibernians.
Hearts v Cowdenbeath.

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No. 16. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

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ORGAN RECITAL.

MR. F. MASON AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., gave his first recital since his recent return to the Colony, in St. John's Cathedral last night, there being quite a good sized attendance. During the evening a collection was taken on behalf of the Organ Fund, and this realised over \$70.

Mr. Mason's offerings were in the main on the light side, and he gave great enjoyment by the sympathetic rendering of a number of delicate fragments. In this connexion, special mention should be made of Macdowell's "To a Wild Rose," Holloway's "Song Without Words" and Wolstenholme's "The Question," all of which were exquisitely played. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, with which the programme opened, was admirably interpreted, but probably the gem of the evening was Tschalkowsky's "March Solennelle," which Mr. Mason played with refreshing vigor and a fine appreciation of the theme.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN SINGAPORE.

OVERTURNED CAR BURSTS INTO FLAMES.

The five occupants of a Singer car, driven by Mr. R. Woodford, had a miraculous escape from death in Singapore last Saturday night when their conveyance somersaulted before it finally burst into flames on Kallang Bridge.

In an attempt to avoid a collision, Mr. Woodford jammed on his brakes and the Singer, which he was driving, thereupon somersaulted.

Mr. Woodford and Mr. Cunie, who sat beside him, were thrown out. So also were Mr. F. J. Clarke, and Miss Connie Freau. But Mr. E. S. Davis, a back-seat occupant, was pinned underneath the overturned car.

He was rescued by some passing motorists from his doubly perilous position, just as the badly damaged car burst into flames.

It is alleged that a Buick car which Mr. Woodford had passed near Tan Kah Kee's rubber factory, tried to overtake the Singer on the Kallang Bridge, at what Mr. Woodford regarded as a dangerous angle. Mr. Woodford felt a collision was imminent and braked his car, with the result described.

Mr. Clarke sustained an injury to the head, Mr. Woodford a fractured collar bone and a serious fracture of the leg. Mr. Cunie suffered a fracture of the arm. Miss Freau got a gash on the head and lost two teeth.

Mr. Woodford, who is in hospital, is being charged with causing hurt by a rash act.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1155 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$33 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$565 b.
Union Ins., \$293 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$46 b.
China Underwriters, \$17 a.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$640 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$39 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$201 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$155 sa.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.
Benguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 63/- a.
Langkats, Tls. \$182 b.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 a.
Raubs, \$31 n.
Tronchs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1261 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$31 b.
China Providents, \$3.40 b.
Hongkew's, Tls. 158 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 sa.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.05 b.
Orientals, Tls. 14 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 461 b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.30 sa.
H. K. Lands, \$583 b.
S'hai Lands, Tls. 124 b.
Humphreys, \$14 sa.
Realkys, \$71 sa.
Territorials, \$14 sa.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$212 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$58 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$124 b.
H'kong Electric, \$581 b.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones, \$3.90 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$71 b.
Malabons, \$30 a.
Canton Ice, \$21 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$6.85 sa.
Ropes (Old) \$5 b.
United Asbestos, \$10 s.

Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$141 sa.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Dur A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lano Crawfords, \$21 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$71 n.
Wm. Powells, \$3 b.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$20 b.
Constructions, \$12 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 551/2 b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Fr.



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THE NORTH WAR.

**NORTHERNERS FOLLOW UP
SUCCESSSES.**

Peking, Dec. 13.
At a conference held at Hanchowfu on the 8th inst. it was decided that Sun Chuan-fang should act on the defensive against the Southerners while Chang Chung-chang should personally lead the attack along the Lunghai railway against Feng Yu-hsiang.

There seems to be no doubt but that the Northerners are following up their successes in the vicinity of Hanchowfu, advancing in several directions. They claim to have recaptured Tangshan, Tsaochow and Tingtau, as well as Weihsui and Sinsiang on the Peking road and are clearing the branch line leading to the Peking Syndicate's mines.

All reports declare that the casualties in the Hanchowfu area were very severe and that large numbers were killed in bayonet fighting. It is considered that this indicates that Feng Yu-hsiang was defeated because he ran short of ammunition.—*Reuter*.

Royal Audience.

London, Dec. 13.
His Majesty granted an audience to Major-General Wardrop on his appointment as General Officer Commanding in North China.—*Reuter*.

GENERAL WOOD'S SUCCESSOR.

**NO APPOINTMENT YET
MADE.**

Washington, Dec. 7.

The fixing of the salaries of the justices of the Philippine Supreme Court at \$10,000 a year, and that of the Chief Justice at \$10,500, was proposed in a bill introduced in congress to-day by Representative Dyer, of Missouri.

Representative Grant M. Hudson, of Michigan, a member of the house insular affairs committee, said to-day that he conferred with President Coolidge regarding a successor to the late Governor General Wood of the Philippines.

Without disclosing whether he had recommended anyone, Representative Hudson said that he had registered an objection to Acting Governor General Gilmore. The representative expressed a preference for a non-military man.

SOVIET RECOGNITION.

**SENATOR BORAH REINTRO-
DUCE RESOLUTION.**

Washington, Dec. 13

Senator Borah has reintroduced the resolution providing for the recognition of the Soviet Government.—*Reuter's American Service*.

COOLIDGE NOT A CANDIDATE.

**FURTHER UTTERANCE ON
PRESIDENCY.**

Washington, Dec. 6.

Declaring himself eliminated from the presidential situation in 1928, President Coolidge to-day asked the Republican party to go to work in earnest in "selecting another candidate."

In a speech delivered to members of the Republican national committee at the White House, the President said that his "I do not choose to run" statement stands without modification, and added, "My decision will be respected."

His only reference to this subject was a very brief postscript to a prepared speech discussing the Republican political issues generally. All he said about his own intentions follows:

"This naturally is the time to be planning for the future. The party will soon face the nomination of its candidate to succeed me. To give time for mature deliberation, I stated to the country on Aug. 2 that I did not choose to run for president in 1928. My statement stands. No one should be led to suppose that I have modified it. My decision will be respected. After I had been eliminated the party began and should vigorously continue the serious task of selecting another candidate from among the numbers of distinguished men available."

AVIATOR'S BODY FOUND.

**SON OF SUEZ CANAL
BUILDER.**

St. Johns, Dec. 5.

The body of an aviator found near St. Georges Bay was identified to-day as that of Count Jacques de Lesseps, son of the celebrated Suez canal builder.

The plane flown by de Lesseps and a Russian mechanic was found wrecked in the St. Lawrence river six weeks ago.

PRESS ATTACKS.

**ITALIAN PAPERS FORBIDDEN
IN YUGO-SLAVIA.**

Belgrade, Dec. 13.

Four prominent Italian newspapers, including the *Giornale d'Italia*, are forbidden to circulate in Yugo-Slavia owing to their alleged attacks upon the King, the Army and the people of Yugo-Slavia.—*Reuter*.

In the rest of the speech, the President laid down a set of political principles for the committee, and recited the aims of his administration and its future plans. He reiterated his belief in a high tariff and in the freedom of private interests from governmental interference in the operation of industry, agriculture and business pursuits in general. He emphasized the necessity of reducing the national debt.

SUGAR INSTITUTE.

**PLAN TO STABILISE THE
INDUSTRY.**

New York, Dec. 13.

The boards of 100 United States sugar refining companies at the largest conference of sugar interests since the war, have decided on the formation of a sugar institute for the purpose of stabilizing the industry. It is understood that the organization has been approved by the Federal Government. It will compile statistics and examine tariffs, and collect information but will not act as a price fixing body.—*Reuter's American Service*.

U.S. REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

TO MEET IN KANSAS CITY.

Washington, Dec. 7.

Kansas City was to-day chosen by the Republican Convention which meets on June 12.

The choice was a hard-fought victory for William Butler, of Massachusetts, chairman of the national committee. The choice was made on the 25th ballot, with the voting as follows: Kansas City 53, San Francisco 39, Detroit 4 and Chicago 1.

Earlier in the balloting the voting favoured San Francisco, and of one time that city was within four votes of being selected.

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CHAPTER XXI.

The Duke of Altringham looked round him in high displeasure. "Theobald, I am surprised at you. You have no business to repeat the lies of this abominable savage. His flight shows that he is guilty, and of course he has to make some excuse. You see how you have upset Rosa already. I hope you will have more consideration than to tell this story to anyone else."

The young officer looked ashamed of himself. Lady Rosa's distress evidently affected him deeply.

"I'm very sorry I spoke before Rosa," he responded, meekly. "I thought I was bound to answer Dr. Tarleton."

Somewhat to the Duke's surprise, the representative of the Home Office supported his remonstrance.

"I certainly should not have put my question in Lady Rosa's presence if I had foreseen the result," he said. "As it is, I can only join the Duke in urging you not to repeat the negro's words outside the room."

"I shouldn't dream of it," the Captain protested.

"The servants are quite enough excited and alarmed already," Tarleton pursued. "If they now believe that the negro's flight is a sign of guilt, as the Duke suggests, they may calm down. I feel sure Lady Rosa will not say anything."

Rosa assented with a sob. Yet she did not appear to be able to comfort herself with her father's view of the episode. He thought it necessary to speak to her sharply.

"That will do, Rosa. There is nothing to cry about. You may be sure that the trouble is all over. Go to your room now, and don't let any of the servants see you till you are yourself again."

The Duke's daughter regained her self-control with an effort, and went out in obedience to her father's orders.

His Grace looked at Captain Theobald as though he expected him to follow his sweetheart. Something grave in the young man's expression caught his attention.

"Is there anything amiss between you and Rosa?" he inquired.

The Captain bent his head. "I am sorry to say that she has broken off our engagement, sir."

"Good heavens? Why?"

"She won't give any reason—at least, not anything that I can consider a reason. She only says that in the face of what has happened she can't feel happy at the thought of marrying me any longer."

The Duke's face became overcast. There was even a shadow of suspicion in the look he gave to the young soldier.

"Is it possible that she holds you in any way responsible for the crimes of your black servant, do you think?"

Theobald looked uneasily at the doctor. Tarleton had already made up his mind that the time had come for him to speak more plainly to the Duke than he had yet done, and he seized the opportunity to interpose.

"We can none of us say exactly what is in Lady Rosa's mind," he told her father. "She is very young, and young girls sometimes take strange fancies. However, I think it is quite plain that she is not satisfied with the official version of the tragedy."

"What do you mean by the official version?" his Grace demanded.

"I mean the theory which you have put forward, and which I hope it may be possible for the Home Office to accept," the expert answered, mildly. "It may make it easier for you to listen to me if I say that I am as desirous as you are of avoiding any public scandal. I have allowed the inquest at Chiswick to return an open verdict in Montacute's case, with the result that we may consider that part of the matter as disposed of, subject to Sir Charles Beaumanoir's decision. I'm afraid it will be necessary to have another inquest on the second victim, but there is little doubt that coroner and jury will accept the negro's flight as evidence against him, and will return a verdict accordingly. If he can be smuggled out of the country without being arrested, all may yet pass over quietly. But we have to face the possibility that he may be arrested on the coroner's warrant. That is the danger that I see."

The Duke's face expressed bewilderment as well as anxiety. "I don't quite understand you, doctor. If he is arrested he must be hanged."

"Unfortunately, no. That is the point."

"But why not?"

"Because he is not guilty." The words were spoken quietly but with a firmness that could not be mistaken. The Duke began to take the alarm.

"You don't mean to say that you believe in that wretched ordeal?" he protested.

"I don't entirely disregard it as an additional proof of the man's innocence. But it was not needed in my case. I have never seriously entertained the possibility of Falai's guilt."

His Grace was more and more dismayed.

"Then why did you allow the ordeal to go forward? And who ordered it to be broken off as though He broke off as though He afraid to put the question in his mind."

"I thought the ceremony could do no harm, and that it might possibly reveal something. I will admit that I was affected at one moment by the doubt which has perhaps affected Lady Rosa."

"What a doubt? For heaven's sake, speak plainly, Dr. Tarleton."

"It is not easy to be plain, Duke, where everything is still a matter of suspicion and inference, rather than of definite proof or even presumption. But it has been a possibility for me to weigh, that the negro might have been an instrument acting under the direction of another."

The Duke did not ask which other. The sombre look which he directed at his prospective son-in-law sufficiently showed his understanding of the investigator's point.

"Captain Theobald is already aware that I have been obliged to take this consideration into account, and so is Lady Rosa. I have had to ask myself whether the Captain might not have deemed it his duty to put in force the unwritten law against a man whom he believed to be blackmailing a woman who had claims on his protection."

Still the Duke could not, or would not, put the right interpretation on Tarleton's language.

"Does this mean that you believe that Montacute came here to see my daughter?" he asked the Captain, fiercely.

Theobald shook his head.

"Dr. Tarleton is mistaken, as I have assured him. I know no more about either of these crimes than you do, sir."

The denial was given with an accent of sincerity. At the same time, the young man's air showed clearly that he was labouring under some kind of misgiving.

"The Lady Rosa is not the only woman in Trafford House who has a claim on Captain Theobald's protection," said the specialist in a grave voice, looking the Duke of Altringham full in the face.

Notwithstanding all that had gone before, his Grace seemed utterly unprepared for this formidable suggestion. He fairly broke down under it.

"Dr. Tarleton!" he moaned.

"What are you saying? Please remember that my wife's honour is as dear to me as my own."

Tarleton looked down on the stricken husband with more sympathy than he had felt for him before. There was something deeply significant in this sudden weakness. He had expected the haughty nobleman to receive the first hostile reference to Duchess Amy with an outbreak of furious wrath and denial; and here he was practically pleading for mercy.

Only one explanation presented itself. The Duke's common sense knowledge of the world must have been at work from the very beginning to turn his suspicions in this direction. His infatuation had caused him to shut his eyes wilfully to everything that tended to connect his wife with the mystery; he had fought down his own doubts; he had even gone to the length of transferring them to his daughter's account, and had snatched at false clues, and forced himself to swallow a lying confession. Yet all the time in his innermost consciousness he had been aware of the presence of the skeleton which was emerging from its cupboard at last.

"I have put off this communication as long as I could," the investigator said in his gentlest tones. "I'm afraid I have put it off too long. But now it has become absolutely necessary for me to speak. The Duchess of Altringham must not leave Trafford House till the case is cleared up."

Even the Duchess's cousin was taken aback by this plain declaration.

"Why," he ejaculated, "you surely don't suspect her of murder?"

Tarleton shook his head.

"Frankly, I am not prepared to say whom or what I suspect. But I am quite clear that her Grace must be able to throw more light

FOOLISH LABOUR AGITATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

was the arrest of a man in the Nanking Hotel where a quantity of undesirable paper was also seized. Search parties engaged in combing out the town last night picked up other leaflets thrown from the upper floor of Chinese restaurants.

As the Tung On came in at 11.30 last night, the police, reinforced by a number of detectives from Canton who gave useful assistance in identification, searched all the passengers, and arrested five men of the coolie class. They were found to have a considerable quantity of money and jewellery, which fact pointed to the probability that they were Communists and that the money and jewellery they carried were the result of looting in Canton. In two cases, the identity of the suspects was proved by the further seizure of red and scarlet pull-overs or jerseys, which, from the newness of their appearance, must have been purloined and donned at the first opportunity to serve the double purpose of protection from the chilly weather and as a sign that the wearers were "Reds."

No "Red" of any notoriety was amongst the number arrested, it is stated by the police.

SINGAPORE MANAGER CONVICTED.

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remains that there is only a small balance remaining, and there is no suggestion of deliberate fraud.

District Judge: It is a case of deliberate fraud, I am afraid.

Mr. Knowles: What I mean is that it is not a case where the accused has been living extravagantly and has taken the money to enable him to do that.

The District Judge: I am afraid I cannot regard this case in the same light as that to which you have referred. I appreciate what counsel has said. At the same time I think a small sentence would better meet the case. I sentence accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment, on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

than she has thrown up to now on the presence of Montacute in this house, if not on his fate. I may say that I have discussed her share in the business with the Home Secretary, and that I am practically pledged to keep her under observation."

"Sir Charles is not impartial," the unhappy Duke objected. "He is a cousin of my first Duchess. Naturally he dislikes her successor."

Against the expert shook his head.

"Sir Charles Beaumanoir has only taken the same view of the facts which I found myself obliged to take, and which must be taken by every unprejudiced man. We have to start with the knowledge that Montacute was actually a connexion of the Duchess. She found him established here on the footing of a welcome visitor, and promptly forbade him the house. Why? He was paying attentions to her stepdaughter, and, in Lady Rosa's opinion, she was actuated by jealousy."

"My daughters have always hated their stepmother," protested the Duke again. "It is only natural that they should view her actions in the worst light."

"Why natural, Duke? Lady Agatha is a religious woman who would not lightly indulge in evil thoughts even of a stepmother. Lady Rosa is surely incapable of hating anyone without great provocation. If your family and friends are practically agreed in taking the same view of your wife's character, is it not possible that their judgment may be right?"

The Duke sank his head upon his breast without replying.

"Captain Theobald is himself a kinsman of her Grace, he is staying here as her guest, and he has the strongest motives for upholding her innocence. In fact, he did find himself obliged to choose between her and his betrothed."

The husband looked up again.

"But Preget—what do you say to her confession?"

"Simply that I have never believed a word of it. The woman's character was written on her face. She looked to me an unprincipled adventuress, such as no lady would take into her service unless she required a confidant."

"She was in my wife's service before our marriage. They had met in the theatrical world as I understand."

"That is quite possible. But I can hardly help thinking that you must have wished your wife had a more reputable companion. Did you never hint to the Duchess that you would be glad to pension her off and get rid of her?"

The Duke of Altringham's face showed that this question had gone home.

(To be Continued.)

HONGKONG ART CLUB.

EXHIBITION OPENED TO-DAY.

Hongkong abounds with so many beauty spots, each with a different appeal to the artistic eye, that it would be surprising if landscapes were not the prevailing feature of the exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club which opened this morning at Padder Building. The variety of subject and treatment is however remarkably wide for such a small community, and the art lover can well afford to spend an hour or two in contemplation of the laudable efforts of local amateurs.

Several of the exhibits, over one hundred and fifty in number, are of surpassing merit, a water colour by Miss C. Peyton, "Snow," attracting considerable attention. It represents a scene at Home soon after snow has ceased to fall, and though its position in the exhibition is not such as to display it to best advantage, the detail achieved, without spoiling the harmony of the whole calls for considerable praise.

Some of Miss Peyton's exhibits are not quite up to the same high standard, but "The Bent Willow" is extremely effective, colourfully treated, and "Old Boulogne" is also an excellent achievement.

Miss Grace MacNair's wash-drawings of scenes in England show extremely careful construction and are admirable examples of this light work. Miss MacNair also has on view a nicely executed oil-painting of the Kentish Weald.

Mrs. M. O. Pfister exhibits over twenty crayon drawings of China, Switzerland and Spain, and several of those completed in Hongkong, "Glencely" and "Evening at Felix Villas," show a notable advance.

Mrs. E. M. Barrett's strong treatment of the "Roofs of Florence" evoked considerable comment, and another oil painting, "The Avenue St. Cloud," made a most effective study.

The exhibition is well up to the high standard set in the past. Among well known amateur painters, having work on view are Mrs. Aubrey, Dr. H. Baleen, Mrs. Mrs. Aubrey, E. M. Barrett, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Miss Buckwell, Mrs. C. G. Gubbay, Miss Harry, Mr. J. H. Hunt, Grace MacNair, Mrs. Jan MacNair, Mrs. Nell, Dr. Newton, Miss C. Peyton, Mrs. M. O. Pfister, Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. A. M. Bowes, Smith, Mrs. Sayer, Mr. W. Hong Sling and Dr. Smalley.

INFERIOR MORTAR.

IN KOWLOON TONG HOUSE.

That the mortar was being mixed on the ground, instead of in the proper boxes, was given as the reason for the inferiority of the lime mortar used in the construction of No. 263, Kowloon Tong. It was further explained by Mr. Morgan, in prosecuting the contractor before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, that on samples being taken it was found that the mortar mixed on the ground broke under a test of between four to five pounds while that mixed in a box supported as much as 24 pounds.

The defendant, Man Lok, building contractor of No. 263, Nathan Road, said that the mortar was mixed in the usual manner and with the proper materials.

Mr. Morgan said that although the proper materials had been used in mixing the mortar, the mixture was made on the ground which resulted in other foreign material being included in the lime mortar, thus making it considerably weaker.

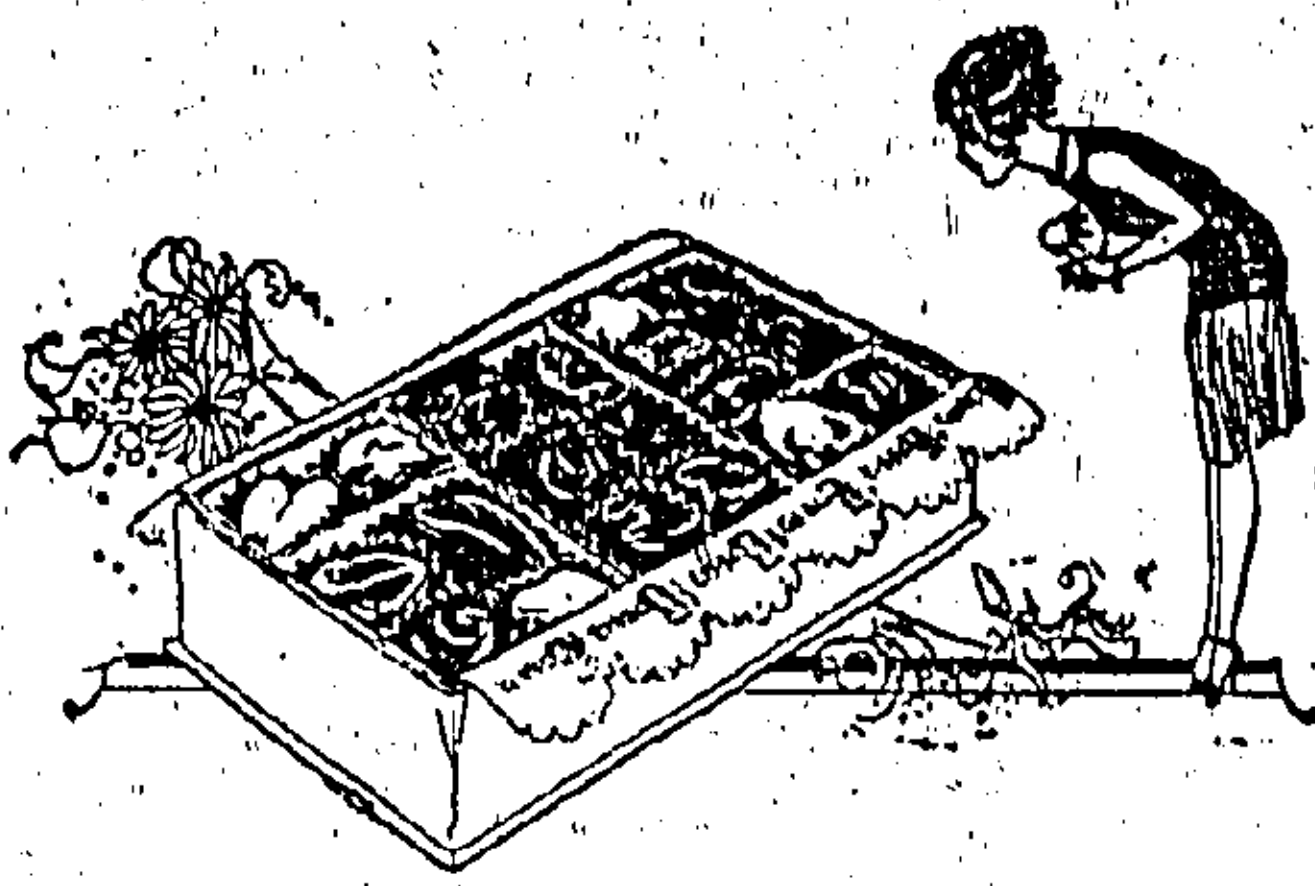
His Worship pointed out to the defendant that it was due to the laziness of the workmen that the mortar was of an inferior nature, and he imposed a fine of \$50. An order was also made for the building to be demolished and re-erected to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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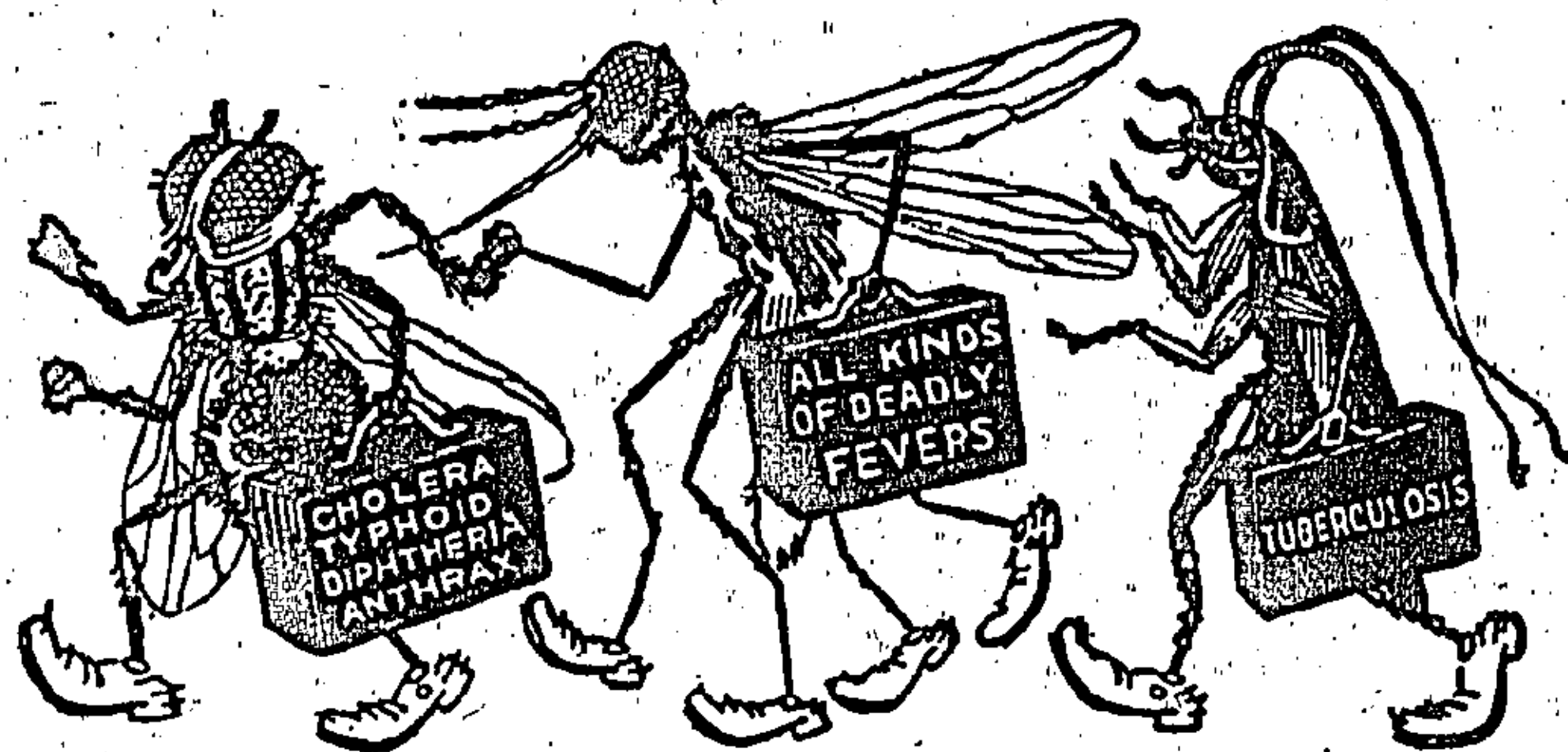
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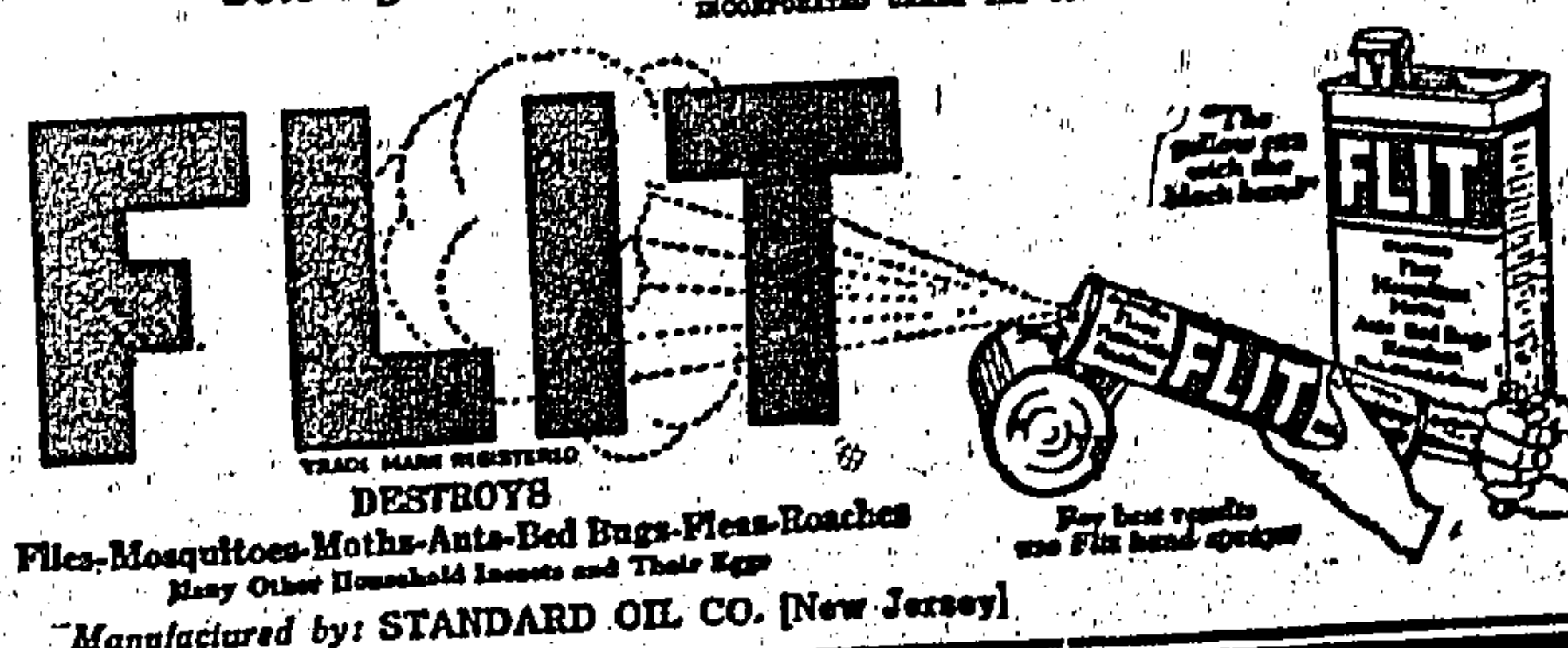
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officers, because there was a feeling that it was now more difficult than formerly to make a certainty of the profession. Another reason was the listlessness of the modern youth. He had noticed that with regret in Scout and Cadet movements throughout the country. He asked the boys to re-

member that they did not come into this world for their own comfort, but to serve the community and their country. He hoped that public schools would never permit tennis and golf to usurp football and cricket, which developed the team spirit and character as opposed to narrow self-interest.

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ARMED ROBBERY.

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An elaborate ruse to gain admittance to a house was described at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with participation in an armed robbery at No. 9, Shanghai Street on November 25.

A very curious aspect of the case is the difference of dialects of the witnesses for the prosecution. Among the occupants of the floor no less than three different dialects were spoken although the female inmates who are concerned in the case are members of the same family.

The dialects, for which separate interpreters were required were Puntli, Hoklo (or Chuchow), Shantung and King Chow.

Inspector Fallon prosecuted on behalf of the Police and outlining the case said that the second floor of No. 9, Shanghai Street was a family house occupied by members of one family. The floor consisted of two cubicles and a sitting room.

At about 1 p.m. on November 25, there were four women on the floor including an amah and a small girl. One of the inmates was in a cubicle confined to bed by illness while the amah was in the kitchen. The latter heard a knock at the front door and in answer to the summons from without, she opened the door to admit two men, who intimated that they had come to collect the electric light money. One of the men was carrying a bucket containing an electrician's paraphernalia, while the other carried a heating iron.

After a short conversation with the amah the intruders admitted a third man who immediately seized the servant, one of the others assisting. An old woman who was on the floor pleaded with the men to release the amah and she herself was then seized. One of the men who had caught hold of the amah also directed his attention to another occupant of the house.

The amah struggled with her assailant, managing to free herself. She immediately rushed down the stairs and into the street, raising the alarm. The men then followed her out of the house.

Two Shantung policemen heard the whistles and saw the defendant running away. One of the policemen gave chase and arrested him.

It would be given in evidence, said Inspector Fallon, that the third man to enter the floor was the defendant. He was armed with a dagger which he was seen to throw away before being arrested.

The case was adjourned.

WIDLER SENTENCED.

THREE MONTHS FOR USE OF FORGED DOCUMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

The Swiss Consular Court has sentenced Ely Widler to three months' imprisonment for using a forged document.—Reuter.

STRUCK BY LORRY.

JURY'S INTERESTING RECOMMENDATIONS.

An interesting point in regard to the safety of pedestrians was raised in the verdict returned by the jury in a Coroner's enquiry held by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The subject of the inquest, was a Chinese who was knocked down and killed by a motor-lorry at the bridge over the Bowrington Canal at Praya East. The accident occurred at 3 p.m. on the 3rd instant, and immediately afterwards, traffic officers proceeded to examine the scene and to take measurements of the roadway over the bridge enclosed between the railings.

They did not find bloodstains on the roadway, as would be expected, but on the railings on that side of the bridge where the lorry was, marks of blood were apparent, which directed enquiries into the cause of the accident in another direction.

Projecting Body.

The lorry concerned was one of a fleet of vehicles belonging to the Lingnam Company. It was a four ton Thornycroft, and at the time of the accident was in good mechanical order. Measurements taken of the width of the body showed that it was 7 feet 2 inches in its broadest part, and projected somewhat at this point from the front of the vehicle.

As the lorry was travelling close to the edge of the footpath over the bridge, the inference drawn was that the projecting portion of the vehicle must have caught the deceased, if he was on the footpath close to the edge of the kerb. A traffic officer, Sergeant Mason, who had examined the spot, stated that this was possible.

Both the driver and another man who was on the seat beside him, stated that the lorry was travelling in a westerly direction. They were not aware when crossing the bridge, that they had knocked down a man, until the shouts of passers-by drew their attention. Prior to the accident, the road was clear, and the lorry was proceeding along at ten miles an hour.

Jury's Verdict.

The jury, consisting of Messrs G.E.E. Thompson (foreman), Peter Wong and D.M. Vieira, returned a verdict of accidental death, without attaching any blame to the driver. In regard to the maximum width permitted to lorries, they suggested that "the advisability of a regulation permitting the width of 7 feet 2 inches in the case of a lorry, be enquired into, as apparently in this case the body of the lorry projected over the pavement and caused the accident."

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The Senate, like the House of Representatives, has unanimously voted the Congressional Medal of Honour for Colonel Lindbergh.—Reuter's American Service.



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A LONDON STORY.

I gathered in conversation with naval men, writes the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, that the brilliant little achievement by Submarine L 4 near Hongkong was the sequel to a clever bit of staff work by our naval authorities in China. The submarine is believed to have been lying in wait in Bias Bay—the notorious pirates' nest some 45 miles north-east of Hongkong—for just such an opportunity as occurred. Being well in the lee of the land, her low-lying, grey-painted hull would be almost invisible in the dusk, and the pirates who were bringing the steamer, Irene in to be looted can have had no suspicion of the submarine's presence.

Irrespective of the fine seamanship and coolness displayed, the affair is of some importance in itself. It is the first time for many months that Bias Bay pirates have been caught in the act, and the sharp lesson they have just received may have a salutary effect.

The officers and men serving in the twelve boats which comprise the Fourth Submarine Flotilla attached to the China Squadron have no easy life. While the "L" submarines are excellent boats for service overseas which entails cruising in tropical latitudes. At times, therefore, those on board undergo severe hardship and discomfort, for even in a 900-ton submarine the accommodation is neither spacious nor too well ventilated. In addition they have to face the peril of violent storms and occasional typhoons for which the China Seas are notorious, and which are even more dangerous to vessels when in harbour than on the open sea. Four years ago submarine L 9, another unit of the Fourth Flotilla, foundered at her moorings in Hongkong in a typhoon, and although salvaged a few weeks later was so badly damaged that she had to be placed on the disposal list—*Singapore Free Press*.

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COMPENSATION COURT.

MANY CLAIMS PAID.

London, Dec. 13.
The Final public session of the War Compensation Court, which in 1920 succeeded the Defence of Realm Commission, will be held on Friday. It was organised at the outbreak of the war to deal with claims for compensation arising out of emergency war measures in such a way that a minimum of injury would be done to the public finances and to the rights of citizens. Claims heard by the courts have totalled £16,500,000 and payments made respecting them amounted to nearly £9,000,000—*British Wireless*.

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During their recent stay in Shanghai, the Mirth Makers gave a number of concerts which were all most successful and well patronised, and if they continue to afford the public the excellent fare they presented last night, they will undoubtedly become as popular here as in the North.

There were no less than twenty-one items, those contributing being Messrs. Will Cutcher, Horace Crouch, Will Bowditch, Norman Winton, Johnny Byers, Jack McFeely, Frank Wagar and Will Little. The entertainment went with a swing throughout. Most of the items were of the lighter kind and the choruses were rendered with a verve and tunefulness that were infectious, and were heartily taken up by the audience. The appearances of Cutcher and Crouch with their "Belles" and "Beauties" were invariably greeted with loud applause, and these two excellent comedians always had something very acceptable to offer.

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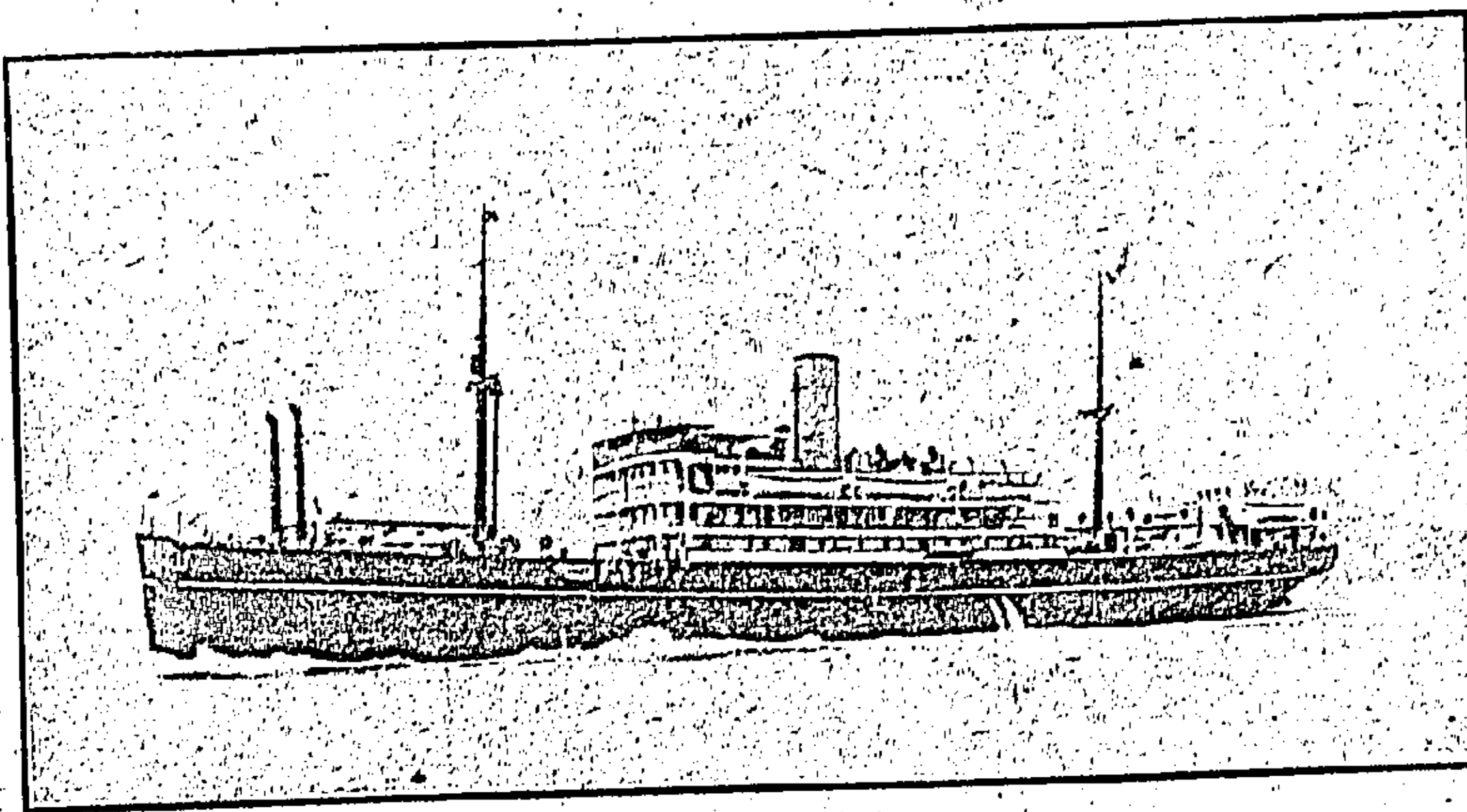
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MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
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KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
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TAKLIWA	7,936	21st Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan. 1928.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
INELLORE	6,853	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
INAGAPORE	5,283	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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THE MOTOR HORN
NUISANCE.

CAN DRIVERS BE SUMMONED?

Considerable argument arose at the Central Magistracy this morning, when, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. Horace Lo, defending a summons against the driver of a private car, argued that the summons was bad because it did not conform with the Summary Offences Ordinance. Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander and Sergt. A. L. Hopkins prosecuted.

The summons was taken out against the driver of private car No. 2299, no name being given, under Sub-Section 12 of Section 3, for unnecessarily blowing his horn in a manner calculated to annoy. Mr. Lo quoted authorities in support of his argument that the summons was bad and his arguments drew from Mr. Lindsell the remark that if he made a ruling in favour of Mr. Lo, it would mean to say that thousands of other summonses previously dealt with were also bad.

Mr. Lo said he was quite prepared to go as far as that. Commenting on the Section under which the summons was taken out, his Worship remarked that when it was drawn, motor car horns were not anticipated and it did not apply. It was obviously only for noises which might be caused by such things as penny trumpets or tin whistles.

Sub-Inspector Alexander replied that there was no other provision in the traffic regulations. He added:—"It means that at the present time we cannot take action against drivers who make a noise to the annoyance of the public."

His Worship:—"I don't see how you possibly can."

The summons was adjourned for a week for Mr. Lindsell's decision on the point as to whether the summons is good or bad.

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Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., summoned the Sui Cheong firm of No. 41-43 Wing Lok Street, at the Central Magistracy to-day, in respect of the use of certain labels on patent medicines, which so closely resembled the complainants' "Tiger Balm" mark as to deceive. Mr. W. D. Owen appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Armstrong represented the defendants. On Mr. Owen giving an undertaking that the labels complained of would be discontinued and that the defendants would take measures for the recovery of all stocks sold and hand these to the police within ten days, the summons was adjourned until December 23rd.

NEWSPAPER BANNED.

FRANCO-ITALIAN FEELING.

Paris, Dec. 13.
The Italian newspaper *Corriere Italiano* has been forbidden in France because it published "a provocation to murder."—*Reuter*.
[An earlier message from Belgrade stated that four prominent Italian newspapers, including the *Giornale d'Italia*, are forbidden to circulate in Yugoslavia owing to their alleged attacks upon the King, the Army and the people of Yugoslavia.]

DAY BY DAY.

The Messageries Maritimes calendar bears a picture of one of the newest French liners, against an Oriental background.

The P. and O. Kalyan arrived from Europe this morning with another consignment of Christmas parcel mails from London, dated November 4th. This consisted of 81 bags and is now being distributed.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sylvia Lau, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lau Hey-shing, of 60, Kennedy Road, Hongkong, to Mr. James T. Choy, eldest son of Mr. Choy Hing, of 2, Park Road, Hongkong.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 15th to 21st December, 1927.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Day.	Time.	Day.	Time.
Thurs.	10 00	Fri.	10 00
Friday	10 00	Sat.	10 00
Sat.	10 00	Sun.	10 00
Sun.	10 00	Mon.	10 00
Mon.	10 00	Tue.	10 00
Tue.	10 00	Wed.	10 00
Wed.	10 00	Thurs.	10 00

MARSHAL CHIANG'S WEDDING.



Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his bride, Miss Mayling Soong, photographed together immediately after their wedding in Shanghai.

MODERATES CONTROL CANTON.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Incendiary Fires.

Within the past three days, the incendiary fires started by "Reds" in Canton have had the effect of devastating many houses and business premises. Mok Cham Tau Street, was completely gutted by a big blaze. No less than 25 houses were gutted by the fire in Tin Po Street and it is said that the big blaze in Tai Hong Road lasted for 18 hours.

One vernacular report gives the estimated total of houses destroyed by fires from Sunday to Tuesday as more than a thousand.

Shortly after the "Reds" were dispersed yesterday afternoon a notification, "to comfort the people," was issued by the Canton Kuomintang Political Council declaring that all the "Reds" in the city had been overthrown. The notification was signed by Generals Li Fuk-lum, Wang Ki-cheung and Chang Fat-kwei, and Mr. Chan Kung-poh.

EUROPEANS SAFE.

The "Moorhen's" Expedition.

London, Dec. 13.
Europeans have been rescued from the east suburb of Canton as a result of a brilliant dash made by Mr. Hall, the Vice Consul, in the British warship *Moorhen*. The *Moorhen* was heavily fired upon by the Communists from the north bank as it proceeded down river.

Eighty-one refugees were brought away without casualty, 11 British, 15 American and 55 German.—*British Wireless*.

ENTIRE SUCCESS.

"White" Forces on Top.

Canton, Dec. 13.
The counter-attack carried out by Li Fuk-lum's "white" forces was entirely successful to-day, and control of the city has been regained. The situation is much easier though considerable damage was done by the "Reds" as they retired.

It is expected that the situation will right itself within a few days, and meanwhile it is considered safe for the river steamers to go alongside their respective wharves as formerly.—*Naval Wireless*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. At the Pan-American Conference at the Albert Hall and Church House, Westminster, in 1906. 2. The passenger-voyage at Westminster Abbey leading from the Great Cloisters to the Little Cloisters. 3. Highly palatable fish, according to a report just issued by the Food Council. 4. The art of trimming shrubs and trees into curious shapes. 5. His crystal sceptre, which is more than a thousand years old. 6. Department of Overseas Trade. 7. A. E. Dobson. In the United States in 1882. 8. Mr. G. A. Julius, son of the Archbishop of New Zealand. 9. Jacques Anatole Thibault. 10. In India, in the region south of the Vindhya Mountains. The name means "Southern." 11. A piece of the skin of Richard de Podocro, who stole \$100,000, and other valuables, from the Chapel of the Pex, where this relic is still exhibited. 12. An American undertaker, named Almon B. Strowger, in 1889.

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